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"CONTEMPT"!

PUBLICITY AND JUSTICE

NEWSPAPER LAW

Colonial Editor Imprisoned by Chief Justice

UNUSUAL DOINGS IN SOME LOCAL COURTS

[By a Special Correspondent]

At Home and in at least one of the Dominions—in my experience—Magistrates of Police and some other Courts invariably extend to Pressmen the courtesy of being allowed to exercise their discretion in the matter of depositions, charge sheets and such like documents, perusal of which are needed for the daily task of furnishing reports for the insatiable public. Not so in Hong Kong. For some years journalists have had to work under irksome restrictions in all the Courts here except in the highest tribunals of the Colony.

What does constitute Contempt of Court for which at least one Colonial Editor has suffered imprisonment?

QUEER ARBITERS

When it was my duty to cover assignments at the Magistracy, I was permitted the privilege of recourse, when necessary and at reasonable times, to depositions. Every morning, before the Magistrate sat, I was allowed to look through the charge sheet. Evidently, the Cadet Officer then presiding was gracious enough to consider that a Pressman's time is just as valuable as that of members of other professions. So that if I found there was nothing worth staying for, I did not have to wait until every case had been disposed of.

The procedure, as I understand it at present, is that reporters have to interview the Court Sergeant (or Inspector) who, it should be explained, is not the Police prosecuting officer because there is no such appointment. As a class, and at best, the men who regulate the fetching up of persons from the cells and sometimes call "Court" are queer arbiters of the comparative value of news stories.

And depositions. Although they are accessible to clerks sent up by solicitors to copy them word for word, they are forbidden to Pressmen. It is the same at the Marine Court where one officious outdoor personage—who is not connected with the Court or the Harbour Office executive—makes it a practice to go out of his way and tell journalists that they cannot be in the Court room even a minute before or after the Magistrate is sitting.

In this connection, I well remember the special message I received from Lt. Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R., when he officiated as Marine Magistrate. He sent for me expressly to tell me—for my own information and that of my colleagues—that his depositions were always available, on request. At the time I thought it strange of his Worship to have to send specially for me to convey such information. I do not think so now.

Restricted Censorship. To cap it all, the Police have issued a communique to the Press to lay emphasis on a General Order by the Captain Superintendent setting forth a host of circumstances under which information is not to be given to the papers. Which leads to wonder why the Captain Superintendent (or the official responsible) was not so thoughtful of the necessity to acquaint the Chief Justice or the Crown's law officers when the procedure in identification parades was recently changed.

Surely, it is hardly necessary to give a Pressman credit for knowing his job as thoroughly as the average member of other professions. We know what constitutes right and wrong. We do not publish articles, as is permitted many times a month in the CENSORED vernacular papers, full of Contempt of Court.

[Editor's Note: As far as is known all vernacular papers in Hong Kong are subject to the censor but, apparently, only from a political point of view, and not with the object of preventing contempt of court and avoiding libel.]

"It appears to me that the security obtained by publicity for the due administration of justice is this, that it brings to bear on that administration at once the pressure and the support of public opinionists—pressure to prevent intemperance on the part of the judge—to prevent corrupt or improper proceedings, and on the contrary, its support where justice is administered in a pure, fair and legitimate manner."

General criticism of the conduct of the judge in any particular case will not be contempt unless he is charged with injustice.

Much Too Late. Then there is the aspect of what is or is not a secret tribunal. "It is now, I think," Lord Hewart observed in Rex v. the "Evening News," "much too late in the day to argue that newspapers are not entitled to print reports of a charge to the Grand Jury. It is within the knowledge of all of us that for a long time past such reports have been printed."

His lordship also said that no action was maintainable against a newspaper for publishing a substantially true account of the proceedings of a court of justice. While a judge or a magistrate "continues to sit for his office he sits as a public officer and he can be conveniently accommodated and thinking that this course is best calculated for the investigation of truth and the satisfactory administration of justice we think the court in which he sits is to be considered a public court of justice."

Before Trial. Newspapers should never publish pleadings or evidence or affidavits of a case which has not yet come up for trial for such reports have been held to be contempt of court, an expert advises in the "Statesman." (It will be noticed that the evidence is of a case not yet come up for trial). Thus, in a case where a newspaper published particulars of a statement of claim pending trial the learned judge observed that "it was shocking that newspapers should publish such matters as this which had not been before any court of justice. There was no excuse for that. It was interfering with the course of justice to make public the statement of claim in this way which was an ex parte statement of one side."—"Times Law Reports."

Judge v. Editor. Another interesting case of an alleged newspaper contempt came up for consideration by the Judicial Committee. A letter was published in a Colonial newspaper containing criticisms of the conduct of the Chief Justice of the Colony. He took proceedings in contempt against the editor, and demanded the name of the writer as also the manuscript. This the editor simply refused to do whereupon he was imprisoned "during the Chief Justice's pleasure" and also fined. On appeal, the Judicial Committee held that the editor "was not guilty of contempt of court in respect of his refusal to give up the name of the writer, or to hand over the manuscript of the letter, there being no authority in point of law to require him to do either." Their lordships were further of opinion that though the letter might be made the subject of proceedings for libel it did not constitute a contempt.

276 RUNS FOR FOUR WICKETS

THIRD "TEST"

RYDER AND KIPPAX MADE A STAND

STINGLESS BOWLING

At Melbourne this morning the third "Test" match opened in brilliant weather. The pitch was perfect. Ryder won the toss and elected to bat, spectators then numbering about 3,000, states Reuter.

Woodfull and Richardson were sent in and started cautiously. The Australian vice-captain, however, had but seven to his credit when he poked at a simple trundle from Tate and was captured in the gully by Jardine. Hendry then joined Victor Richardson, but before the former was able to get set Richardson fell to Duckworth, off Larwood, with three to his credit.

63 at Lunch. Hendry stayed long enough to make 23 before he, too, succumbed to Larwood's bowling by way of another catch in the outfield by the Surrey amateur.

The fifty was sent up in 70 minutes by Kippax with a drive to the "on" for four. Ryder, on joining his New South Wales colleague, almost suffered the fate of Hendry, putting a ball very near the reach of Jardine, fielding in the gully.

No further wickets fell before lunch, the game being adjourned with a score of 63 runs for the loss of three. Kippax and Ryder were then at bat, the former having secured 27 to his captain's two.

Capacity Crowd. After the interval the ground presented a wonderful sight, being absolutely packed. It is computed there were 58,000 people there. Hundreds of excited spectators encroached on the grass and had to be requested by the umpires to retire before play could continue.

Both Ryder and Kippax attacked the bowling in spirited style, the former securing his 50 in 105 minutes. Compared with the morning's play, however, the bowlers' efforts lacked sting.

Up to the tea interval, when the score was 168 for three wickets, the Ryder-Kippax partnership had lasted 105 minutes. At this point Kippax had made 69 and the Australian skipper 50.

At the close Australia had scored 276 for four wickets.

Australia
 W. M. Woodfull c Jardine, b Tate 7
 V. Y. Richardson c Duckworth, b Larwood 3
 H. L. Hendry c Jardine, b Larwood 23
 A. F. Kippax, not out 69
 J. S. Ryder, not out 50
 Extras 6
 Total (for 3 wks.) 158
 * at the tea interval.

RETIRING CASHIER

24 YEARS WITH STEAM-BOAT COMPANY

A PRESENTATION

This morning at the Office of the Company, in the presence of many personal and business friends, Mr. J. Arnold, Secretary of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., on behalf of the Office Staff, presented Mr. Lo Kai-hong, Cashier of the Steamboat Co., with gifts on the occasion of his retirement, after 24 years' service, from the Company.

In recalling Mr. Lo Kai-hong's long service with the Company, Mr. Arnold expressed the general regret of the Staff on Mr. Lo Kai-hong's retirement and wished him long life, prosperity and good luck in any business he might wish to undertake.

TWO NEW A.S.P.'S IN DRUGS FOR HIS MAJESTY

HONG KONG

INDIANS HONOURED

PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW RANK

30 AND 29 YEARS' SERVICE

With 30 and 29 years' excellent service to their credit, respectively, the two highest officers of the Indian contingent of the Hong Kong Police are to receive high honours on New Year's Day, according to an announcement in the "Gazette."

For the first time in the history of the Colony, there will be Indian "Assistant Superintendents of Police" and a precedent is being established in the promotion of Indian officers to that rank.

The senior man in the Mahomedan section is Khan Sahib Nawab Khan who joined on January 4, 1899. At the head of the Sikh section is Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh who joined on October 10, 1899. Both have been Inspectors for a number of years and the honours of Khan Sahib and Sirdar Sahib were conferred on them, respectively, in 1924, in recognition of exemplary conduct.

There are several hundred men in the Indian contingent, the majority having been recruited from the Punjab or been taken on from the infantry regiment stationed here.

The Chinese contingent has not yet been honoured by appointment to the rank of Superintendent.

STILL FINE. "Fresh N.E. winds, fine" is the forecast till noon tomorrow for Hong Kong and the adjacent coast. For Formosa Channel it is—"Strong N.E. winds."

At 10.50 a.m. the Observatory reported:—"The depression has deepened and moved to the east of Tokyo. The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea."

DUTIABLE LIQUOR

BONDED-WAREHOUSES APPROVED

"PERSON IN CHARGE"

Decisions in the Executive Council, in connection with the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance (No. 9 of 1911) were made on December 24 and are now announced as follows:—Approval and appointment:—H.E. the Governor approves and appoints the premises at Nos. 328, 330 and 332, Des Voeux-road, West, the property of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., to be general bonded warehouses for the warehousing of dutiable liquors.

Regulations.—For the purposes of the Ordinance and of all regulations made under it, the China Navigation Co., Ltd. shall be deemed to be the person in charge of the general bonded warehouses.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd. shall be responsible for the observance and performance of all the duties devolving upon a person in charge of such a general bonded warehouse and in particular for the observance and performance of the regulations numbered 3 to 10 inclusive under the heading "General Bonded Warehouses" published in the "Gazette" on February 16, 1912.

AIR LINERS

THE WORLD'S LARGEST AEROPLANE SHED

AT CROYDON

London, Yesterday. What is believed to be the largest aeroplane shed in the world will be available at Croydon on January 1 for the housing of air liners. Although built as recently as January last so rapid has been the growth of traffic that this accommodation has already proved inadequate.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

FROM AMERICA

ADVANCEMENT VERY SLIGHT: STILL ANXIOUS

"A RESTFUL DAY"

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m. A British official message states: This morning's bulletin about the King was regarded in Palace circles as of a slightly less disquieting character than that of yesterday evening.

The advance made by the King during the night was very slight and anxiety was lessened only to a small extent.

The important feature of the bulletin is the statement that the King's general condition does not show the progress expected a week ago. It is His Majesty's general condition which is the chief concern of the physicians and it will not be until this shows considerable improvement that any more definite progress can be made.

The fact that the local condition continues to show progress, though satisfactory, is not of immediate importance.

A good sign in the bulletin is that the doctors are finding less difficulty in inducing the King to take the nourishment which is necessary for building up of the King's strength.

The measures which the doctors have now decided to adopt, as announced in the bulletin, are at the moment not disclosed.

It is understood that at this morning's consultation the results of bacteriological examination made yesterday by Dr. Whitby were considered.

Improvement Maintained. The following bulletin, issued at 8.15 p.m. to-day (Dec. 28) states that the King has had a restful day and that the slight improvement noted this morning is maintained.

Signed: Stanley Hewett, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

America's Thoughtfulness. The "Evening News" says the King's Messenger met the a.s. "Olympic" on her arrival at Southampton from New York and received from the purser a small packet containing special drugs for use in connection with the King's illness.

"Dakins' Solution". The packet contained the so-called Dakins' Solution used by the Allied Armies during the war to sterilise wounds.

Dr. Sherman, of the Carnegie Steel Company, Pittsburg, offered to supply the solution, manufactured by the electrolytic process, for local treatment of the King. The offer was thankfully accepted.—Reuter's American Service.

Movements of Royalty. The Prince of Wales called at the Palace twice this morning. Princess Mary, who intended to go to Yorkshire, will remain at the Palace temporarily.

In view of the nature of tonight's bulletin the Prince of Wales adheres to his original intention to hunt with the Belvoir hounds to-morrow and the Duke and Duchess of York have abandoned their intention of returning to London from Northamptonshire to-night.—Reuter.

SALVATIONISTS

THE WRANGLE OVER LEADERSHIP

AMERICAN DELEGATION

London, Yesterday. Hundreds of Salvationists enthusiastically greeted Evangeline Booth on her arrival in London from America. She declined to discuss the forthcoming meeting of the High Council but hinted that the American delegation held very pronounced views.—Reuter.

RADIO STATION

SCENE OF FIRE NEAR MELBOURNE

Melbourne, Yesterday. A fire threatens to destroy the wireless station at Ballan, to which beam messages are transmitted from England. There is little hope of saving the receiving room.—Reuter.

Xmas note:—"The ferries carried hundreds across to Hong Kong." . . . Is that so?

"Hi! A class commercial printing executed." . . . Jobbing press advertisement. . . . Executed is good.

"Mrs. Jenny Rosenberg, who contributes this warning to the carless motorist." . . . The carless motorist is the last to need any sort of warning.

Headline:—"Crew in Court." . . . One of those festive roosters?

Our stylists: "According to the writer . . . they are just these surface things which entice the elusive male."—Richard King in "The Tatler."

Two kinds of piracy were explained at the Criminal Sessions yesterday . . . the right and the wrong?

Headline:—"4,700 Turkeys change hands." . . . Never knew they had any.

It is observed that Mr. Eugene O'Neill, in seeking peace and solitude, didn't stay over at Hong Kong.

"A tramway employee who gave evidence in a court case the other day." . . . In spite of having sworn to tell the whole truth.

"Thorpe jumped off his horse and administered a kick to the jockey, which promptly caught its pursuer by the foot. Nothing daunted, Thorpe caught hold of the jockey by the snuff of its neck."—Jansenville paper. . . . A case of taking a pinch.

No suspected dogs have been proved to be rabid "since the last case," according to the head of the Sanitary Board. . . . How to "sayer" lot in little.

"Apartments to let. Bed, board, pleasant—country. Very embracing."—Scottish paper. Every home comfort.

Great Thought: "The Earl was fined \$5 for driving a motor car to the anger of the public."—English paper.

"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"—the world famous book that launched a new truism and a new orthography."—"The Sketch."

"Orthography" is anything but the right word.

The headmaster of Yaumatei School reports an unwillingness to be absent among his pupils. . . . Otherwise crime in the district is normal.

From the "Sphere": "Lady Churston, formerly Miss Denise Orme, the musical comedy star, is seen above with her fiancée whom she will marry at the end of the month." . . . We wish both ladies every happiness.

"It has long been recognised that the old system of each firm pushing its own cars is hopeless."—Article on motor trading. . . . Drivers don't care one way or the other as long as they don't have to push their own cars.

"The Hague, November 9.—Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, will arrive here to-morrow on a visit to her aunt, the Queen Dowager Emma." . . . Travel on the Continent always is confusing.

"Dr. Birchmell patted the victorious skipper proudly on the head with one hand, shook hands warmly with the other and fumbled in his pocket with the other."—"The Magnet," a paper for boys. . . . Evidently a relation of the famous Australian prospector who carried his various bands his pick, his billycan and his life.

The age of a Taipo Mosquito is reckoned by the overlapping of its ears, which grow at the rate of half an inch every 30 years.

In a shop window:—"£12 boots and shoes \$15." . . . Most people will prefer to wait until they are reduced to \$20.

This week's great thought:—"The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a handsome dressing-down."—"Free Press," West Bromwich.

Our Vesuvius Peers:—"When the police lifted the side of the motor Lord . . . calmly stepped out with a lighted car still in his mouth."—Glasgow paper.

Touching scene in Court:—"Action magistrate: How much drink had you? Woman: Three pints. Magistrate: Three quarts! Clerk: No, sir, three pints."—English news item.

"We not worry about what a man descended from; it's what he descended to that shames the human race."—Daily paper. . . . The English language seems also to be doing a bit of descending.

"Jimmy Green, the famous coach, gave a remarkably fine demonstration of the crawl stroke at the Long Street baths last Monday. He is well named."—Weekly paper. Too subtle for the ordinary mind.

From a wedding speech, the bride being a telephone girl:—"You will have many 'calls,' Mrs. . . . and we are sure that you will respond as cheerfully to them as you did to the old 'Hello' of duty." . . . The old Hello of duty is inexpressibly fine.

"Cape Colony and the Transvaal have also banned greyhound racing."—"Letter to 'Truth.'" . . . Cape Colony must have been in prophetic mood, seeing that greyhound racing, as understood to-day, was only invented about twenty years after it ceased to be "Cape Colony."

Apothegm in an interview by a well-known film star, reiterating her desire, in the words of "Merton of the Movies," to "give the public something finer and better."—"When I grow old I want to have an old brain as well as an old body." . . . There are critics who assert that every film star's brain is old—in fact, senile.

"A native was the only eye-witness of the accident. . . . 'From what I saw,' said witness, 'I am convinced that had the driver kept to her course and not swerved there would have been no accident.'" . . . daily paper. . . . Anybody in want of a literary exercise may change that back from journalese into what the native really did say.

"Brooks is a beggling-letter writer. For a long time he addressed his appeals chiefly to 'the nobility, but perhaps the fact that his activities were fully exposed in John Bull has led him to select other fields.'"—"John Bull."

It is well known that the literature of the British nobility is almost wholly confined to Burke's Peerage and "John Bull."

"Your correspondent, Mr. Codd, states that 1/4 h.p. is required to drive a magnet." . . . It is a sad spectacle to see an authority of the standing of Mr. Mortimer A. Codd taking up a position from which I am sure he will wish to recede."—Extracts from letters to "The Motor" in a technical controversy. . . . We always look with some suspicion on the statements of a Mr. Codd.

Letter received by well-known local motor firm from an Chinese "Kindly please will you send me any catalogues of Rifles and Revolvers if Bargains my heart was very excited of guns. Murder-buses is indispensable. Yours miserable person. M. B." . . . In view of the local firearms laws it is to be feared that he will remain a miserable person even though his heart is very excited.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 6th January.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
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TATSUNO MARU Saturday, 16th January.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
DURBAN MARU Monday, 14th January.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
RANGOON MARU Saturday, 29th December.
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Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
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Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 29th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
SHUNGO MARU Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU Monday, 7th January.
CHIFUKU MARU Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOHABA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 6th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Wednesday, 2nd January.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 18th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU Saturday, 5th January.
SAIGON
HAIPHONG—Via Hongkong
MENADO MARU Thursday, 3rd January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAWANA MARU Sunday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS
HAWANA MARU Sunday, 6th January.
KASATO MARU Thursday, 10th January, 1929.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th December Noon.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 6th January Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DEL MARU Thursday, 10th January 10 a.m.
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**SHIPPING SECTION.****DURING REPAIRS**

THE QUESTION OF FIRE
LIABILITY

APPEAL ALLOWED

In the House of Lords the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Dunedin, and Lords Shaw, Buckmaster and Carson heard the appeal of George Gibson and Co., Ltd., shipowners, Leith, owners of the steamer "Grangemouth," from an interlocution of the Second Division of the Court of Session in Scotland in an action for damages against the Grangemouth Dockyard Co., Ltd., shiprepairers, "Grangemouth."

The action arises out of a fire which occurred on April 24, 1925, on board the steamer "Grangemouth," on which the respondents were executing certain repairs. The fire caused damage to the ship and to the cargo on board, which belonged to other appellants. In the course of these repairs an oxy-

WHITE STAR GIANT

VIEWS PROPELLING
MACHINERY

DIESEL-ELECTRIC?

More than two years ago a lively correspondence took place in the columns of "The Journal of Commerce" on the subject of the type of propelling machinery likely to be adopted in the new White Star liner which is to run in company with the "Olympic" and "Majestic," and one correspondent attracted to himself a certain amount of attention and some criticism because he expressed the hope that he might before long have the opportunity to cross the Atlantic in a turbo-electrically propelled liner. Now Lord Kylsant has made the official announcement that electrical machinery is to be fitted, although it has not yet been decided definitely whether the generators will be driven by internal combustion engines or by

"DARCOILA" CREW

AGREE TO BE PAID OFF TO
GO HOME

An agreement has been come to in the case of twelve members of the crew of the British s.s. "Darcoila" who have appeared twice at the Marine Court.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton (for Captain Ferguson) announced when the Court resumed yesterday afternoon that the men had severally agreed to be paid off and repatriated. Funds had been cabled for.

Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. retired (Marine Magistrate) adjourned the case sine die. Arrangements have been made for the men to stay at the Seamen's Institute until they sail for Home by the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" on Jan. 5.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Royal Prince" from New York, sailed from Shanghai on Dec. 28 at noon, and is expected to arrive here on Dec. 31 at daylight.

The P. & O. s.s. "Allport" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 8 a.m., and is due here on Jan. 4 at about 7 a.m.

"Beyond the Hoping, the Dreading"

The appalling tragedy of the s.s. "Vestris" was brought home vividly with arrival at Clifton, of Coast Guard cutter "Sham" with the bodies of thirteen victims, among them a baby. The photo shows canvas-shrouded victims on the cutter's deck just before bodies were removed to undertaking establishments.

acetylene machine was used by the respondents.

The case of the appellants is that the fire which took place in the hold where there was a cargo of jute was due to the negligent use of the oxy-acetylene machine, and that the jute was set fire to by fine sparks or particles of glowing molten metal. In defence of this claim the respondents maintain that the fire was not caused by the oxy-acetylene plant, that there was no negligence on their part, and that in any event the appellants contributed by their negligence to the result.

The Lord Ordinary (Lord Fleming) held that the appellants had proved that the fire was caused by the use of the oxy-acetylene plant, and that there had been failure on the part of the respondents to take due precautions to protect the ship and cargo against the risk of fire. The Second Division of the Court of Session unanimously found, however, that the evidence did not support either branch of the Lord Ordinary's conclusion, and reversed his judgment, whereupon the appeal was taken to the House of Lords.

Mr. W. G. Normand, K.C., and Mr. R. P. Morison (instructed by Thos. Cooper and Co., London agents for Beveridge, Sutherland, and Smith, W.S., Leith) were for the appellants.

The respondents were represented by Mr. Craigie M. Aitchison, K.C., and Mr. G. H. Main Thompson (instructed by Middleton, Lewis, and Clarke, London agents for Blackstock, Rose and Co., Edinburgh, and Wm. Simpson, Grangemouth).

Sparks From Oxy-Acetylene

After hearing counsel's arguments, the Lord Chancellor, in moving that the appeal should be allowed, reviewed the evidence laid before the Lord Ordinary, and said he (the Lord Chancellor) saw no reason for refusing to accept the evidence that sparks had been seen flying during the operations with the oxy-acetylene plant. There was ample evidence that sparks were being generated. As regarded the assertion that there had been smoking by the appellants' men in the hold in close proximity, and that this increased the burden of proof on the appellants, his lordship was unable to appreciate that argument. The case made out by the appellants was that the sparks were happening at the time and place that the fire broke out. That smoking would be a possible cause of fire was, of course, obvious, but the evidence of the respondents that smoking was taking place was

steam turbines. This point is to be settled before the end of the year. If the Diesel-electric system is eventually selected, the step will be one of a magnitude quite without precedent in the annals of marine internal-combustion engineering, and worthy of direct comparison with the courageous move of the Cunard Line in deciding to fit steam turbines in the "Lusitania" and "Mauretania" in preference to the five crank triple-expansion engines originally intended. There are many Diesel-electric vessels in service, but nearly all are of relatively small size, and it has been proved time and again that, once past a certain limit, size has a marked effect on performance in Diesel engines. If there is an upper limit to the size of turbo-electric installation, on the other hand, it has not yet been reached either on land or at sea; and there is a considerable body of opinion amongst engineers who are by no means inimically inclined towards the heavy-oil engine that, while any liner company that is willing to fit Diesel-electric plant in a 60,000-ton ship is certain to acquire a reputation for courage; it might be better in the long run to install the turbo-electric system and rest content with a reputation for cautious judgment. So long, however, as the world contains two engineers, it will contain a difference of opinion on engineering matters. It may be taken as certain that, whatever decision is finally made, the machinery of the new White Star liner will be unique of its kind and a credit alike to its designers, builders and owners.—"Journal of Commerce."

disbelieved by the trial judge who heard both sides.

It was also said that the appellants had been guilty of contributory negligence in bringing jute into No. 2 hold and in not warning the respondents of its presence. That contention was overruled, in both courts below, and he (the Lord Chancellor) agreed with the views of these courts. It was clear the appellants had no reason to believe oxy-acetylene was going to be used, and it was clear the respondents knew perfectly well that the ship was being loaded. In a case such as this, where the question was purely one of fact depending on the oral testimony of witnesses on both sides, it was not easy to succeed in reversing the finding of the trial judge, who had seen the witnesses and was in a better position to judge their evidence.

Viscount Dunedin and Lords Shaw, Buckmaster and Carson concurred, and the appeal was allowed, with costs.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 23, and is due here on Jan. 10. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11.

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Cholera: Pondicherry (3), Bangkok 9 (3), Canton 2 (1).

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EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
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TAKLIWA	7,936	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,949	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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Nobody who has watched recent developments can doubt that the next two years will witness some far-reaching changes in traffic relationships in the North Atlantic trade, especially in the passenger-carrying branch. Whether or not these changes will be realised peacefully and without an undue amount of friction is a question which remains for the future to answer.

Perhaps the weakest spot in the Trans-Atlantic situation is to be found in the relations existing between the two leading navigation companies in Germany, which have their headquarters respectively at Hamburg and Bremen. To this matter frequent reference has been made in the columns of "The Journal of Commerce." The North Atlantic trade is perhaps the most highly organised branch of the international shipping business, with its various "pools" and "conferences," but when two or more parties to these arrangements are at variance between themselves the whole fabric of the carefully constructed organisation may easily be endangered.

It is precisely over the question of large luxury liners that the Hapag and the Lloyd have failed to come to the working arrangement, after which they have been striving for rather more than a year. When it is found that other companies are also adding luxurious vessels of heavy tonnage to their fleets it becomes obvious that all the elements of bitter rivalry are in preparation. For it is doubtful whether the amount of traffic will increase pari passu with the additional accommodation, and then it will be a question whether these ocean giants will show a profit at the end of a year's running.

Present Situation

An interesting account of the German view of the present situation is given by Herr Rudolf Singer, the Hamburg correspondent of the "Vossische Zeitung." Traffic conditions in the North Atlantic, he points out, have changed very considerably since the days of the late Albert Ballin. The United States are not only attracting from year to year an increasing number of travellers bent on business, but are also sending more and more passengers to Europe, partly business men, but to a larger and ever growing extent people who want to visit their old homes.

Even if the United States should, as some think likely, undergo an economic setback, that, in Herr Singer's opinion, would cause no break in the upward sweep of the North Atlantic traffic curve. There would seem, therefore, some justification for the optimism of those far-seeing shipping men who are bending all their efforts towards placing new, large and swift passenger vessels on the route between North America and Northern Europe.

The writer alludes to the ship-building projects of the Cunard and the White Star Lines, the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Canadian Pacific, and points out that when the vessels they are building have been completed there will be only two classes of ships on this great high road of world traffic: the fast luxury liners and the rest, chiefly slower and smaller ships for the transport cabin passengers and tourists.

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To-day, however, the Hapag is confronted by the fact that the Lloyd has gained a big and even dangerous advantage over it in the highest class of the North Atlantic passenger business.

Hapag and Luxury Liners
Should the Hapag now decide to carry out the plans, which it is understood already to have discussed, for luxury leviathans exceeding the Lloyd's 46,000-tonners, they could only appear on the scene at the very least two and a half years later.

That the Hapag to-day has different ideas about the risk to be taken with luxury liners to those which it entertained something like a year ago, is clear from the fact that in the last negotiations over an understanding, it declared its readiness to take over either the "Bremen" or the "Europa." As the Lloyd did not and could not accept this offer, the attempt to reach an understanding came to nothing. The Lloyd had to refuse the relinquishment of one of the steamers because three ships were necessary for the regular "turn" of six-day liners—three which the Lloyd would possess with the "Bremen," the "Europa," and the "Columbus," which is now undergoing transformation.

If, in spite of all this, further discussion is taking place over these plans—in which the Hapag has even declared its readiness to allow some of its steamers to be despatched from Bremen—it all goes to show the great importance which the Hapag attributes to having a fast and large luxury steamer under its flag.

It is record-hunting, Herr Singer says, which is the decisive psychological factor, and which sets the pace also for the Americans. The idea that the Lloyd's mammoth liners could only show a profit if they had at least 50 per cent. of their accommodation filled, seems now to have been abandoned in Hamburg.

The present situation as between the two companies is that Herr Stimming, managing director of the Lloyd, has declared his opinion that an understanding is "probable," but that it is economically impossible to divide the two new steamers between the two companies. Dr. Cuno, representing the Hapag, on the other hand, describes an understanding as "desirable," but says that it is only possible on the basis of "complete equality within and without."

Herr Singer expresses the view that so far no new basis for an understanding has been found, but that there is still a possibility of renewed negotiations. It is profoundly to be hoped, he says, that all questions of prestige and causes of friction will be avoided.

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S.S. "City of Bedford," Shanghai, January 9.

S.S. "City of Lahore," Straits, Colombo, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, January 9.

S.S. "City of Pekin," Shanghai and Japan ports, January 25.

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Sat. 19	0 42 4.3	m 1 34 0.3
Sun. 20	1 10 4.3	m 6 10 0.6
Mon. 21	1 31 4.4	m 4 47 3.8
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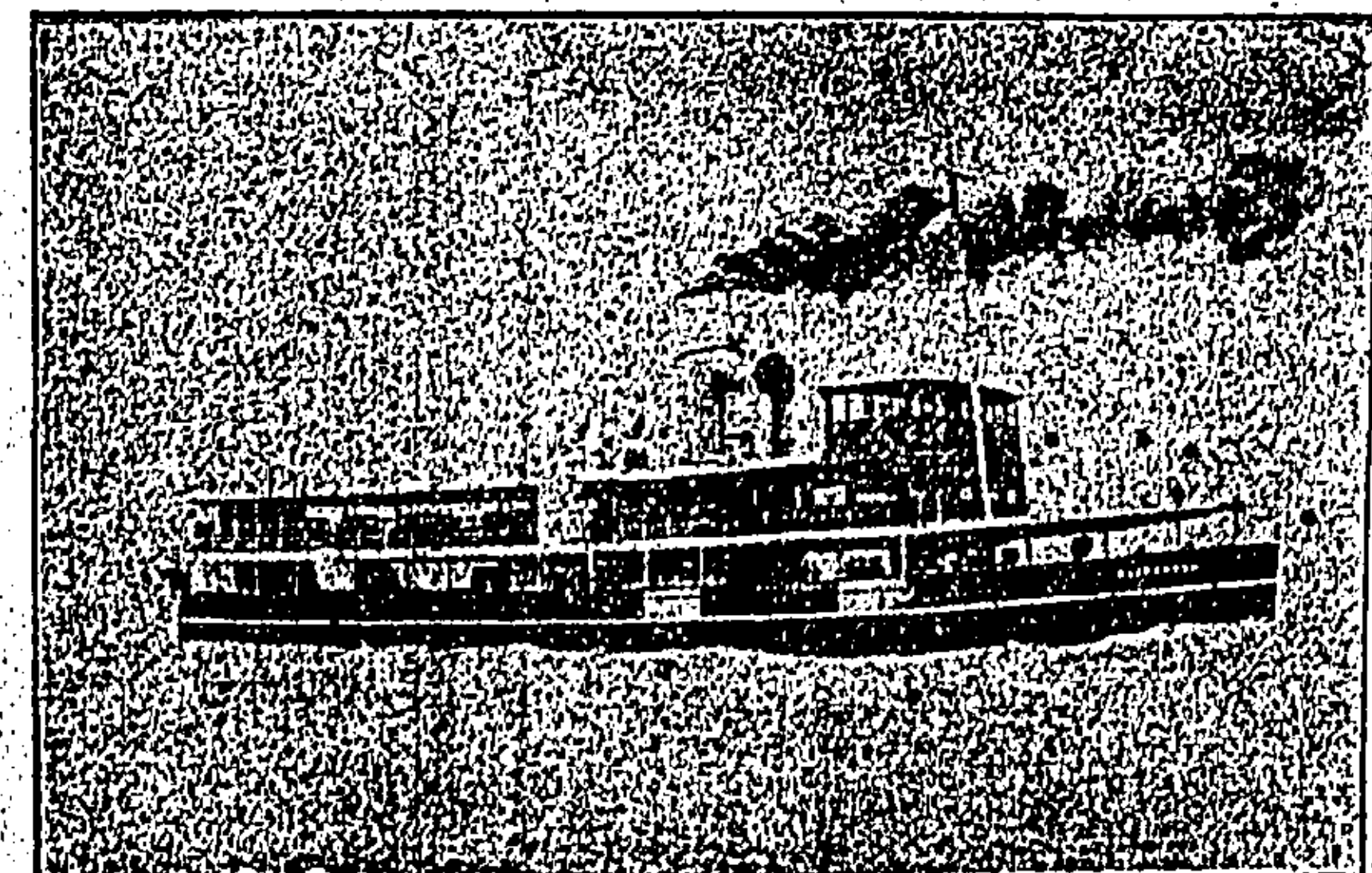
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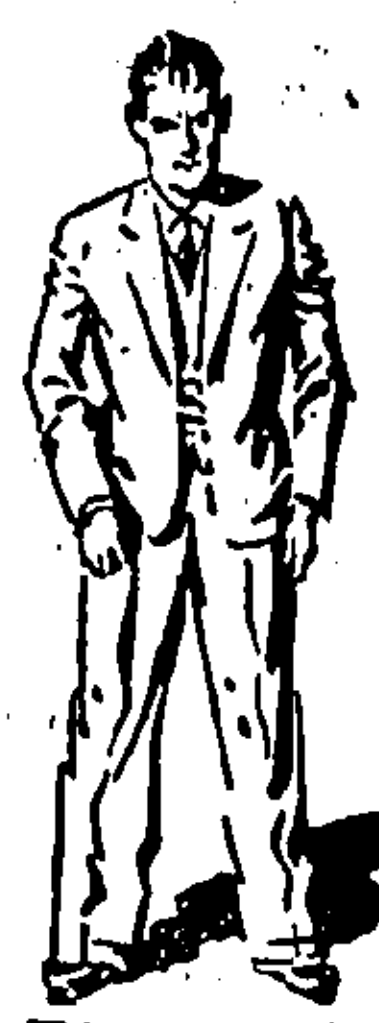
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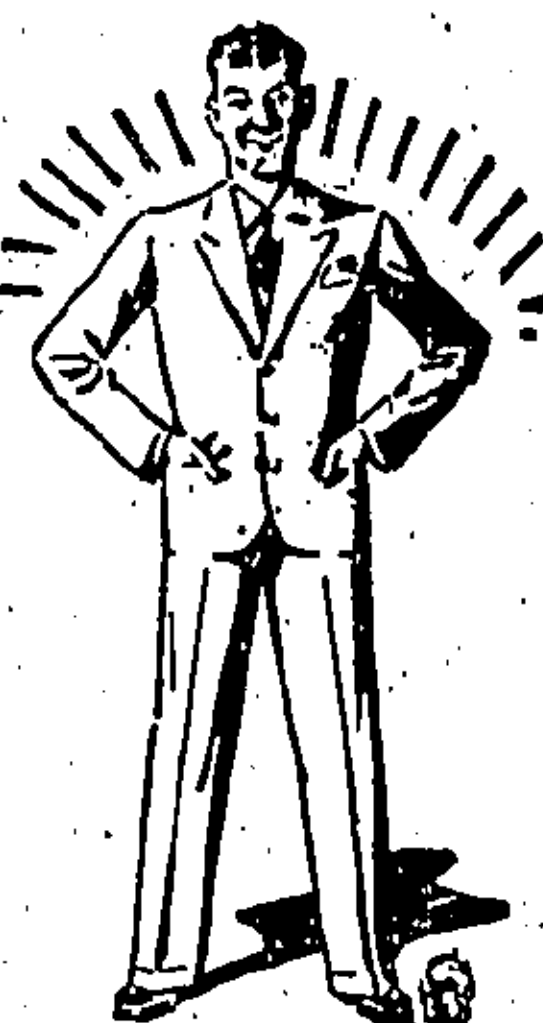
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STILL WATERS

As was the case last week the first paragraph unfortunately concerns small-pox.

and a new danger connected therewith. It would appear to be the easiest thing possible for Chinese suffering from the contagion to travel in buses and other public vehicles, thereby tending to spread the disease. A few nights ago a couple of Chinese women boarded a Lai-chikok bus at Yaumati, one of them not only being ill, but showing every sign of small-pox. On a bus inspector getting on near Mongkok both women covered their faces and heads with their woollen shawls, but the inspector, not a bit suspicious or else "closing his eyes," heeded them not, not even asking to examine their tickets. The bus was fairly full with second-class passengers, most of whom looked obviously ill at ease—a couple even took the precaution of moving into the first-class compartment. During the present epidemic bus conductors and those in charge of other public vehicles should be obliged to refuse to carry sick Chinese, who certainly do not for a moment consider the gravity of spreading small-pox. It should have been made impossible in the first instance for a small-pox patient to travel from one part of Kowloon to another.

Although not officially reported at the moment of writing it is said that one—if not two—member of a European family in Kowloon has been laid low with small-pox. Where and how it was contracted cannot yet be ascertained. As the area most affected by the epidemic has been declared "out of bounds" to certain of the Forces there is no reason why European children should not likewise be debarred. Moreover, it is quite well known that when whooping cough and other child ailments are common the

children's playgrounds are a fertile source of infection. These playgrounds should be kept closed during the small-pox epidemic, or very soon there will be the necessity to close all the schools as well, for the scourge shows little signs of abating and the present dry spell of weather is a discouraging factor in coping with the trouble. And in any case it is time that a scheme for a most rigid house-to-house search for small-pox cases were instituted in Yaumati and Mongkok.

It would be interesting to know how many thousands of dollars have been expended in the last year or two on "improvements" at the Star Ferry, both on the Hong Kong side and the Kowloon side. The latest method of spending money is the installation of turnstiles, both for ten-cent and five-cent passengers. The new scheme at least has the merit of looking quite up-to-date, and doubtless some money will be saved on the printing of tickets and some labour will be saved in the checking of tickets each day. The women-folk, it is said, have a grievance because there is a separate turnstile for children (five cents) and it is a problem for a woman with children to know how to go through the ten-cent turnstile herself and force the kiddies to go to the other one. It may be, of course, intended to take the children from their mothers, and show the youngsters through the proper turnstiles! It is when certain strong-willed juveniles refuse to leave their mothers' sides for even a moment or two that the trouble will begin! Meanwhile, if the Star Ferry Company has a few cents left for further "improvements," what about signals on the Kowloon side to show when a ferry is about to leave?

With the return of the Stamp to the Colony Ordinance the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, there exists a quiet feeling of optimism amongst the share-broking fraternity that the proposed Stamp Ordinance will never pass into law. It may be recalled that proposals similar to those to which serious objection are now being taken, were ventilated some years ago, but met with the most strenuous opposition by, amongst others, the eminent head of "The Bank" and were eventually dropped. Those who are "agin" the new Bill are equally determined to fight it to the bitter end, and it is an open secret that the services of a distinguished counsel have been retained. Until the question is settled one way or another, business in shares is practically at a standstill, and those with money to invest are diverting it into other channels.

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If the Government is so determined to find fresh means of raising money, why not leave share transfers alone and get a few thousand a year out of sweeps

and raffles? There will be a rare chance between now and the annual race meeting to rake in a few hundreds—if not thousands—from a small tax on the numerous race sweep tickets with which the Colony will be flooded. And the innumerable raffles for charitable (and many other) purposes could also yield a fair percentage for the Treasury. There is ample precedent for a tax on race sweeps. Thus, Tattersall's, in Tasmania, sell tickets by the thousand throughout the length and breadth of Australia. The Australian Commonwealth Government places a ban on their open sale and refuses transmission of tickets through the post—and yet whenever an Australian citizen wins a prize in "Tatt's" he is forthwith penalised by a Commonwealth tax! In this Colony the prizes for the big race sweeps may not be so handsome as in years gone by, but, even so, no winner of a prize, large or small, would grudge a certain percentage to the broad-minded Government that graciously permits him to have a little flutter in this direction. Better, that, some would say, than to have race sweeps and raffles rigidly barred altogether.

On British and other foreign steamers there is practically a standard scale of salaries for officers and engineers, which Chinese ship owners might do worse than emulate. The cases are too many in which foreign skippers, officers, and engineers on Chinese ships are at the mercy of owners whenever a cheaper man comes along and "puts in" for a job. A few months an unemployed European engineer in the Colony got fixed up on a Chinese-owned boat at a certain salary. All was well for about three months, when he was displaced by another foreigner at \$50 less salary. Naturally he complained, but was told point blank that he could get his job back if he agreed to work for less than the new man was getting! This kind of system must be as bad in the long run for Chinese ship owners as for their foreign employees, as it certainly cannot make for either efficiency or harmony in the working of a steamer. When instances of the kind quoted are heard it is little wonder that Trade Unions and Guilds make the headway they do and that so much is heard to the detriment of the employer whose only slogan is cheap labour.

It was only to be expected that, with the advent of the new buses on the Hong Kong side, traffic dangers would increase, especially in the "bottle neck" at Wanchai. The wonder is that serious accidents are not more common, for few indeed are the Chinese with any traffic "sense." It may be predicted that at no distant date a clamour will arise for raising part of the blocks in Queen's-road East and widening the thoroughfare in the interests of public safety. Before the junction of Arsenal-street is reached, however, there exists a traffic menace—at the bend in Queen's-road near the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. Twice within recent weeks has a motor car collided with a tramcar in trying to overtake it. The tramcar escaped scathless on the first occasion, but the second time the tram had part of the woodwork of the front platform smashed away as the result of the impact. The next time the safety of tramcar passengers may be imperilled. It is a very dangerous bend, indeed, and it is time that certain motor-car drivers were taught a severe lesson. Those who will take risks at a corner of this kind must pay the penalty in the case of an accident that could quite easily have been averted through the exercise of just a little carelessness and thought for the safety of other people.

New Year's Day sports at the Kowloon Cricket Club would seem queer. Arrangements are now in full swing for the usual large gathering on Tuesday next, and if it only remains dry for that day it can rain all the rest of the week or year so far as the kiddies care! With his usual generosity Mr. J. H. Taggart has sent a donation of \$200 for the prize fund which will be welcomed as much by the organisers of the sports as by their juvenile guests, who come from all over the Colony for this annual gathering.

Just before "closing down" for the week it is learned that a new and enthralling serial story, entitled "The Sun's Trouser, or How They Were Blown Away," will shortly be commenced in the "China Mail." All our readers should find it "Oh, Kay!"

The broad-minded tolerance which represents the true and honest seeker after Light always extends to his brother the same inalienable right to follow where conscience leads which he claims for himself.

The name of the Great Western Hotel Co., Ltd., has been struck off the register of companies.

A valuable collection of postage stamps are being auctioned at Messrs. Lammert Bros' sales room on Friday next at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. Clarke Irvine will give a lecture and show one of the most wonderful films on the growth of plants and flowers, at the Helena May on Monday, January 7, at 5 p.m.—(Adv.)

Chan Tat-chuen, 28 years, unemployed, and a native of Shun Tat, has been placed under arrest by the police for alleged participation in an armed robbery at 20 Tse Mi Alley last Wednesday.

The Saturday half holiday finds the local cinemas each showing a picture for the last time. There is "The Divine Woman" at the Queen's, "Seventh Heaven" at the World, and "Paris At Midnight" at the Star.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 6 of 1928 to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen, passed by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.

Eighteen cases of small-pox were notified to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday, four being from the city registration district and the other fourteen from Kowloon. One patient is a Briton, the others are Chinese.

Lo Lum, of 44 Hollywood-road, reports to the police that between Monday and yesterday, a foki in his employment, named Yeung Tsun, collected \$185.40 from customers and has since disappeared. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The names of 25 men whose names appear in the register under the Poisons Ordinance are published in the "Gazette." Twenty-four are chemists and druggists and one is a pharmaceutical chemist. The address of one is at Swatow.

The continuous movie performance at the Star Theatre will be discontinued as from to-day. Commencing to-morrow, two performances a day will be given at 5.15 and 9.20 with a new orchestra in attendance at each show. Complete changes of programmes will take place on alternate days at the World and Star Theatres.

The Colonial Secretary forwards a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the following effect:—"Owing to the King's illness the Prime Minister is at present unable to make the customary submissions to His Majesty for the New Year Honours List, which will in consequence be postponed."

Mr. Horace Lo, the well known local solicitor, was summoned yesterday for failing to keep as close as possible to the left when negotiating the junction of Pedder-street and Des Voeux-road Central where the red flashing light is erected for the control of traffic. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared in defence his brother, Mr. H. Lo, and entered a plea of "not guilty." The case was dismissed.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, gave evidence yesterday when the trial of the eleven persons charged with conspiracy to utter forged banknotes in Hong Kong was resumed at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Exhibits were produced in court and witness stated that the paper on which the front and back impressions of notes of the Central Bank of China had been imprinted was the same as a large sheet of paper seized by the authorities from No. 19, Queen's-road East. The case was adjourned.

The story of the smart capture by the police of a shop foki who had absconded with a large sum of money from Singapore, was related at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday when a Chinese was charged with possession of 1,293 French piastres, alleged to have been unlawfully obtained from the Wing Hing Mow firm, of Rue Chinois, Haiphong. Defendant arrived in a French coastal boat on Thursday morning and he was arrested in a Chinese boarding house that same day. Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., prosecuted. Case remanded till Monday next.

PRAPS-PRAPSNOT!

"We gave the referee half-a-crown to let us win the game."
"And still you lost!"
"Yes, I'm afraid he was a wrong 'un."

Haughty Parent: "So you desire to become my son-in-law?"
Modern Young Man: "No, sir, I do not, but if I marry your daughter I don't see how I can avoid it."

Couple up from country: "We want to see a mattress."
Shopkeeper: "Certainly. Would you like a spring one?"
"Naw. One to use all the year round."

At the dinner party Mrs. Malaprop, who had been reading up health culture, mistook Mr. Donut, the barrister, for his brother, the doctor.
"Is it better," she asked him, "to lie on the right side or on the other?"

"Madam," answered the man of law, "if one happens to be on the right side it often isn't necessary to lie at all!"

Two words he flung at her in anger's heat,
Just two short words—"You cat!" and she turned pale
To think that he should fling such words at her,
A hefty woman, and he a punny male!

Two words he flung at her that fatal night,
Just two short words which roused her ire—"You cat!"

Then she in turn flung umpteen thousand words—
A dictionary, and it laid him flat!

John was on his way to the clergyman to see about the christening of his first child, a boy.
"Ask the minister to christen the infant. It's more genteel to say infant. Now don't forget," said his wife.

So John promised.
"Well, John," said the clergyman with a smile. "What is it, a boy or a girl?"

"Neither," came the unexpected reply.
"Not a boy or a girl, then what is it?" cried the astonished clergyman.

There was a moment's pause.
John scratched his head and looked confused.
Then he suddenly blurted out.
"It's an—it's an elephant, sir."

Myrtle: "Are you fond of summer sports, dear?"
Babette: "Sure! Why, I've been engaged to eight already!"

Seven Ages of Woman
The infant.
The little girl.
The miss.
The young woman.
The young woman.
The young woman.
The young woman.

"The first thing you do," said an employer to a new young man who had been engaged as a salesman, "is to go into the back office and take the desk the other man used and see if you can get some order out of chaos."

An hour later the enthusiastic young man appeared and diffidently reported: "Mr. Kimphlet, I am sorry, but I have looked all through the card index and the telephone directory, and I can't find the address of Mr. Chaos to solicit that order from him."

Charged with illicit distilling, a long, lean Tennessee mountain youth stood before the rural bar of justice.

"What's your name?" asked the judge.
"Joshua, your Honour," answered the boy.

"Mm! Joshua? Joshua what? his Honour prompted.

"Jes' Joshua," replied the culprit.

"Are you the Joshua who made the sun to stand still?" said the judge.

"No, your Honour—I'm the Joshua what made the moon shine."

Jubilation reigned in the Muggleton household, for Muggleton Senior had won the works football sweep.

"Just at the right time," beamed the sharer of his joys. "I saw a lovely coat to-day at the sales. Only two guineas and positively made for me! Then my stockings are all laddered and my shoes are a disgrace! And we must have some new curtains, and Johnnie wants some boots, and Clarice—"

"And where," asked the senior Muggleton patiently, "do I come in?"
Mrs. Muggleton awoke and considered.
"Well, I suppose you deserve something," she admitted. "I have it! If you draw a decent team for next Saturday, I'll go halfway with the entrance fee."

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

"China Mail" Rakes The Globe For Messages

XIII.—CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS

Historical Event of Jesus of Nazareth

[By George Barclay in "The Student Movement"]

The Christian religion is rooted in an historical event. It is in the world to-day, not because some grave and wise men called theologians sat up late at night and evolved out of their own inner consciousness beautiful theories about God and life, but because an actual historical Person lived among men, died at men's hands, and came through to the other side of death. This at once raises the question—How much do we really know about Jesus? We can no longer regard the Gospels as supernaturally guaranteed history; our whole approach to the Bible is different from the approach of some of our forefathers. But if the old sureness about Biblical history has gone, how can we be reasonably sure of anything about Jesus? Here I have only space to say two things.

I. The careful and thorough scholarship of the last hundred years has given us valid reasons for believing that our first three Gospels bring us into touch with reliable history. I cannot here go into the details, which may be found in any good modern book on the subject. (I suggest Dr. Peake's Commentary on the Bible, or Dr. Armitage Robinson's The Study of the Gospels, or Mr. Stephen Neill's How Readest Thou?). While we cannot claim that every single incident happened exactly as it is described in the Gospels, or that every word of Jesus is reported with perfect accuracy, the evidence goes to show that the picture of Jesus given us in the first three Gospels can be trusted. (St. John's Gospel may have to be used with rather more reserve). In studying that picture we have our feet firmly planted on the rock of history. As the late Dr. Swete, of Cambridge, has said, "There are very few passages in ancient history about which we have such accurate and satisfactory knowledge as the story of the life and death of Jesus."

II. Jesus is uninventable. If the Gospel portrait of Jesus is not essentially true to fact, then some writer or writers must have imagined it. Either the Gospel writers were describing a character from real life or they were creating one. I believe that when we really see and know the character and personality of Jesus as the Gospels describe Him, and when we remember His immense influence on the world, we shall be driven to saying with Rousseau, "It is not thus that one invents." The character of Jesus is too good not to be true; the personality of Jesus is too great not to be real. If it is sometimes difficult to believe that Jesus lived the kind of life and said the kind of things that the Gospels describe, it is even more difficult to believe that someone in the Jewish world of two thousand years ago had the skill and the insight to invent Him. "It is not thus that one invents."

We may take it, then, that Jesus is a real historical Person. There is no hope now of resurrecting the theory that He is a myth. The broad outlines of the familiar picture of the character, the teaching, and the death of Jesus can be trusted. It is as certain as anything historical can well be that there was once a real Person Who lived and spoke and died in the way the Gospels describe. That is a fact of quite incalculable importance.

What are we to make of that fact? For us there is only one satisfactory way to begin a study of what Jesus was and what Jesus means. We must begin by taking Him as a real man. Mr. G. K. Chesterton, at one point in his book on St. Francis of Assisi, writes as follows: "Francis still looks more or less like an ordinary young man, and it is only when we look at him as an ordinary young man that we realise what an extraordinary young man he must have been." With all reverence I suggest that much the same is true of Jesus. It is when we begin by looking at Him as a man that we realise how much more He must have been. Whatever else He was, He was certainly a real man, with a man's hardships, a man's temptations, and many at least of a man's limitations. It is worth remembering that the first heresy about Jesus to be condemned by the early Church was not a denial of His divinity, but a denial of His complete and real humanity. Whether Jesus was more than man we shall consider later. We must begin by taking nothing more for granted. It was as a man that He first met the people of His own time.

The Gospels are very clear about that. They suggest to us that He knew the hard realities of life as these are known by a man who works with his hands for the support of a family. They tell us of His being hungry and tired and sleepy, just as other men are. They tell us of His friendliness and of His very human longing for the support and comfort of friends. They do not make Him unreal by suggesting that from earliest childhood He was omniscient; He was sometimes disappointed, sometimes astonished; He grew in wisdom as He grew in stature. They tell us, more frankly than some people like, that He was tempted. He, like others, had to meet the full force of the pull between right and wrong. He had no short cut to character; He built His character, as others have to do, by a long succession of right choices, and some of those choices were very difficult. He knew the full force of temptation as only a really sensitive soul can know it. He suffered being tempted.

He was a real man, and He had to fight for character. Yet what a character He achieved! His standards were the most exalted that this world has ever known; and He lived up to them. Some of those who knew Him best said that He never sinned; but when we study His heroic, energetic character in the Gospels, we must feel that even that is too negative, too bloodless a way of expressing all that we see in Him. He was a real man, and He gave us a new and unsurpassed picture of what human life might be. He took our human nature, and with it He made something that, without Him, we could not have believed to be possible. He so lived that He has become "the conscience of our race." To this day there is no higher tribute that we can pay to any action than just to say that it was Christ-like.

It is that life that is the ground of all really Christian convictions. That life is the foundation of our further studies. For, if the life of Jesus is an historical event then it is also something more. It is an event with a meaning. It is the most significant event in the history of the world. If we are going to think seriously about life and its issues, we must take Jesus into account. To come to conclusions about the ultimate meaning of things without facing Him is to study Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. No deep thinking about life can afford to ignore the fact that life has once been lived like that. What, then, does the fact of Jesus mean to us?

Two suggestive things were said by men who had known Jesus when He lived on earth. St. John, in his old age, looked back on all that he could remember of Jesus and said, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." In Him was life; that is life of the kind and quality that is real; that is what life was meant to be. That life is the light of men, the light of the world, the guidance that men need. St. Peter, many years after Jesus died, wrote a letter, in which he spoke of Him as "leaving you an example, that we should follow His steps." The life of Jesus constrains us to try to live like Him. Surely these sayings express just what we, at our best, feel about Him. He has enabled us to see, as we should not have seen without Him, the sheer beauty of a life of self-forgetting, humble service, and of a highly disciplined character. He has opened our eyes to the folly and the tawdriness of many of the aims for which men live. He has left us an example which draws us to try to take His way. As we stand seriously before Jesus and ask what He means, there comes

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman," and Carpi's Parisian Revue" at 9.20 p.m.
To-day—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."
Dec. 30—"Rizal Day" concert and dance by Filipino community at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
Jan. 3—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Land Sale
Dec. 31—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tseui, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions
Dec. 31—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 60 cases Brandy and 71 kegs dyes, 11 a.m.

Jan. 4—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Sport
To-day—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club re-sail.

Meeting
To-day—Twelfth meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank, 2 p.m.

Miscellaneous
Jan. 7—Lecture and film show by Mr. Clarke Irvine at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

EXCELLENT FILM

"A GIRL IN EVERY PORT"

Victor McLaglen, the hero of "What Price Glory," adds another success to his name in "A Girl in Every Port," a new picture which will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday. McLaglen will be seen in the role of a jolly young sailor who has a girl in every port. Presently, however, he learns that he has a rival and proceeds to discover his identity. How he finally does this is admirably told in a series of hilarious situations, with an occasional touch of pathos. McLaglen gives a performance equal to his portrayal of Captain Flagg in the famous war picture and it is said that he has now established himself as one of the greatest character actors of the screen. Louise Brooks, Leila Hyams, Robert Armstrong, and Natalie Joyce are among those who also give outstanding performances.

The charred remains of a woman of the working class was discovered amongst the ruins of a un-numbered matchbox which had been destroyed by fire on the hillside of Sheung Shui on Thursday last. The woman, it has since been ascertained, was a widow, aged 56 years. A cow, valued at \$40 was also burnt in the fire.

to us the dawning of a conviction that by that life we must live; to turn our backs on that light would be to betray something very deep within us. We may not have strength of purpose to walk by that light, but not to try would be sheer failure. In Tennyson's words, the King has bound us "by such vows, as is a shame a man should not be bound by," and to refuse to submit to His enchantments would be to "abide without, among the cattle of the field." If something like that is what we feel, then for us Jesus is the Lord and Master of life. That is a conviction that will carry us a long way, a conviction that will call for truly strenuous living.

I once had a correspondence about Christian beliefs with one of the ablest scientists whom I know. In one of his letters (which I have his permission to quote) he wrote me a short statement of his personal creed. "I believe that the Universe of Reality is a spiritual universe; that the Christ of our religion is, as He proclaimed, the Light of the world; and that whose followeth Him shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. And in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done." That is the first meaning of Jesus. That is the first great Christian conviction.

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IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

The Swedish Consular Affairs, Baron C. Leijonhufvud, accompanied by the Swedish Consul in Shanghai, Mr. E. Wisen, left for Nanking recently.

A circular from Gen. Yang Sen, of Szechuan, announced that a municipality has been established in Wanhshien and that he has assumed the duties of Mayor.

Among people recently returned to Shanghai is Mr. H. L. Fletcher, formerly surveyor to Lloyds Register, who is now taking up private work as a consulting engineer.

The Wuhan Aviation Bureau is reported by the Chinese press to have purchased nine British aeroplanes for commercial aviation purposes. Two German and five American planes likewise have been ordered.

The Central Government has been appealed to by Shanghai Chinese residents to abolish the post of director-general of the China Merchant S. N. Co., and to return the company and its properties to the shareholders.

The vernacular papers say that a huge wireless station, capable of communicating with all countries, is to be established in Shanghai in the near future by the Reconstruction Council. The necessary apparatus is on its way out from Germany.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has been requested to lodge a protest with the Japanese authorities against the training of Japanese troops in the Yangtzeppoo District and their rifle practice. The latter, it is said, has caused considerable alarm among the populace who ask that in future it should be stopped.

It is reported that Mr. Jun-keo Choy, the new managing director of the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railways, who is chief of the administrative section of the Ministry of Railways, has recommended the abolition of the post of managing director of these two railways with a view to reducing expenses. He will, it is said, not accept any salary as managing director but will continue to draw his pay as chief of the administrative section and, at the same time, direct the affairs of the two lines.

Mrs. Martha Myers Logan, wife of Dr. Charles A. Logan of Tokushima, died of pneumonia after an illness of ten days. She had returned from a long furlough in America on September 19, in excellent health and prepared to extend her long record of 26 years of missionary work in Japan. Mrs. Logan was born in Lexington, Virginia, in 1871, and was educated at the Mary Baldwin Seminary at Staunton, Virginia, specialising in music. After her marriage in 1899 she assisted her husband for three years in home mission work in the Kentucky mountains. Coming to Japan in 1902, the Logans have been leaders in Presbyterian mission work in Tokushima ever since.



CHARITY BALL.—The Charity Ball given by the Russian Military Invalids' Union at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, was a brilliant success, a large number of members and guests being present. A special dinner preceded the ball, and music and a variety entertainment brought the joyous function to a close.—(Ah Fong).

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BIG ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE NATIONALISTS HARMONY OR NOT?

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party has decided that the question of the abolition of the branch Political Councils should be postponed until March 15.

Circles in close touch with the political situation do not pretend to expect much, so far as disbandment and re-organisation goes, as a result of the Disbandment Conference. It is generally believed, however, that the conference is as important as that held in Western Hills immediately after the capture of Peking.

Practically the same leaders are here, it being the first time they have met since the conference last summer. They have a number of important issues to discuss, some of which are unpleasant, and the outcome is difficult to forecast, but there is a strong feeling that the meeting will be successful.

Danger Ahead?
If the leaders reconcile their differences and work in close harmony, there is nothing to stop the Third National Kuomintang conference from being held. If, however, no satisfactory understanding is reached, it is probable that the Kuomintang conference will have to be postponed, causing a dangerous situation.

General Pei Chung-hsi, General Chu Pei-teh and General Shang Chen have been asked to attend the Disbandment Conference. General Li Tsung-yen has arrived from Hankow.—Reuter.

"VERY GRAVE" THE TROUBLE BETWEEN PARAGUAY & BOLIVIA FRESH DEVELOPMENT

Washington, Yesterday.
A "very grave situation" has arisen, according to the Paraguayan Legation, which alleges that Bolivia has again occupied Fort Vanguardia in El Chaco and advanced twelve miles into the interior. Bolivia has been informed that the transit of arms will not be permitted across the Argentine until the Paraguay dispute has been settled.—Reuter's American Service.

RECORD DEAL JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S BIG PURCHASE \$20,000,000 WORTH

New York, Yesterday.
It is understood that John D. Rockefeller, Junior, has acquired three whole blocks between Forty-Eighth and Fifty-First Streets. This is believed to be a record deal in real estate, involving over \$20,000,000.

The property was valued at \$15,000 sterling in 1919, and includes the site for the new Metropolitan Opera House.—Reuter's American Service.

SUN YAT-SEN'S STATUE Banned In Tokyo

The Tokyo police have refused a permit for the erection of a bronze statue to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the first President of the Chinese Republic, after conferring with the Home and Foreign Offices, because of the confused state of Japan's negotiations with Nanking.

The statue is already cast, the cost having been defrayed by Japanese admirers. It will be sent to Canton for erection there as a tribute from Sun Yat-sen's Japanese friends.

JAPAN & CHINA

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Although the gist of this morning's talk between Baron Tanaka (Premier) and Mr. Tokonami (the politician who visited Nanking) is not revealed, it is learned that leading officials of the Foreign Office held a conference subsequently to consider the points raised therein; but it is understood they decided that the policy towards China should remain unchanged.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—The Ministry of Labour announces that on December 17 the total number of unemployed was 1,271,100. This was 49,812 less than the week before, but 171,048 more than a year ago. A decrease in unemployment is generally expected about Christmas-time.—British Wireless Service.

Portland, Oregon, Yesterday.—The remains of 814 Chinese, who died in Oregon between 1906 and 1921, will shortly be shipped aboard the Alabama to Hong Kong to rest with their ancestors, in order to attain "peace and contentment," according to the Chinese Benevolent Association, which is financing the translation.—Reuter's American Service.

BRIBERY CHARGE WITHDRAWN AGAINST A CONSTABLE WITNESSES DISAPPEAR

Yeung Kong, a Chinese constable, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Dimsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of receiving bribes from a woman hawker some while ago, was discharged.

Mr. E. Kent, A.S.P., informed the court that the principal witnesses for the prosecution had disappeared leaving no trace of their whereabouts.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the constable.

The prosecution, asked if they wished for a further adjournment, replied that the latest information received from Inspector Brewer was to the effect that the woman hawker had since disappeared, and the flat she had tenanted was now empty. There was no means of finding where she had gone, and the prosecution therefore asked that defendant be discharged.

NEGRO "SPIRITUAL" A SONG OF THE FLORIDA HURRICANE REFUGEES' AGONY

The recent typhoon in Florida saw the birth of a new "spiritual." Its quality is perhaps not very remarkable, but the striking fact about it is that it was observed in the making. It was composed on the shores of Lake Okechobee in Florida, states the "Observer's" New York correspondent.

What happened there cannot be known in Europe, for the story has never been fully told even here. The lake lies in flat land at dead sea level, like much other land in Florida, which cannot drain itself once it is flooded. The wind from the east swept the lake almost out of its bed, and wind and water together produced appalling suffering. The luckiest were drowned or killed at once. Some escaped after incredible adventures; others after adventures as terrible, met death by drowning or accident when they had exhausted every resource.

The whole countryside for days afterwards was a scene of desolation into which relief workers could not penetrate, because floods covered the land and wreckage made the roads impassable. In this wilderness hundreds of negro refugees lived in trees or in floating rafts, suffering from hunger as they had before suffered from exposure, and out of their agony they made the song which the officials of the Red Cross have now recorded.

On the sixteenth of September in the year nineteen twenty-eight, God started riding early And he rode till late. He rode out on the ocean, Chained the lightning to his wheel.

Stepped on the land at West Palm Beach, And the wicked hearts did yield. Chorus

In the storm, oh, in the storm, Lord, somebody got drowned, Got drowned, Lord, In the storm.

It is an interesting revelation of how a primitive people, living in huts and log-houses without our modern protection against the elements, could return to their ancient ways and around the refugee camp fires produce a real "folk" song.

Prayers for the King's recovery are being offered in all the churches of New Zealand.

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124
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Brussels	34.87
Geneva	25.16
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.335
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.45
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	29.775
Lisbon	109 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	807 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/4
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver Spot	26 7/16
Silver Forward	26 1/4

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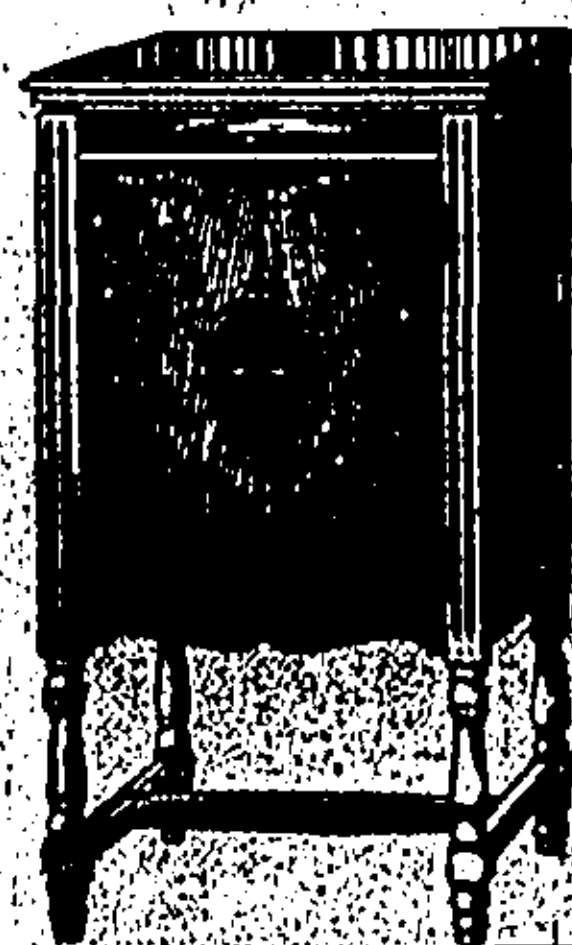
SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG

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RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

Sport Columns

A "HEAVY" BOUT

YOUNG STRIBLING AND SHARKEY

DEMPSEY AGAIN?

Miami, Yesterday. Mr. Tex Rickard announces that Young Stribling and Sharkey have signed to a meet in a heavyweight bout on February 27. The winner will probably contest the championship with Dempsey.—Reuter's American Service.

POLICE BOXERS

HOW THEY BEAT THE SERVICES

STIRRING CONTESTS

London, Nov. 1. The Police of Great Britain and Ireland beat the Imperial Services in a boxing tournament, the first of its kind, at the Albert Hall on Thursday night by eight contests to four.

The Duke of York during the evening joined Sir William Horwood and other high officials of the Services at the ringside, and a gathering of some 8,000 people jumped to attention and sang wholeheartedly the National Anthem. It was all very wonderful, was this history-making occasion, not from the point of view of the exciting critic perhaps, but wonderful in its character, its unusualness, and as an epic in manliness, in naturalness.

Your policeman boxer has long been remarkable for his proficiency in the practice of the noble art, and it was fitting that in two of the best as well as the most stirring contests he was the winner, writes B. Bennison in the "Daily Telegraph."

Police-constable Goyder, who but for bad judging at the Olympic Games at Amsterdam would probably have become champion light-heavyweight, met Lieutenant Curtis, than whom the Army has not for years produced a more accomplished boxer, nor yet a more unlucky one. Inferior fighters to Curtis have won greater renown than he; but there never was a more gallant loser than he was at the end of six full-blooded rounds with the fine, upstanding young policeman Goyder.

As a matter of fact, as I read the bout there was precious little to choose between the two. Even the judges agreed to differ. Curtis took the ring some 8 lb. the lighter man; he was shorter both in the matter of height and reach by several inches. Yet he extended Goyder to the full. His boxing was in every regard as good, and until the last couple of rounds he hit just as hard and at times I considered more cleverly. He was very tired, which was understandable, when the last session was entered upon, and he was given to holding and lying on his man.

It was perhaps because Goyder finished the stronger that he was voted to be the winner. I did not think that he boxed as well as I have seen him box, but among heavy-weight amateurs he, like Curtis, is of high quality. I am not so sure that among our police cannot be found the heavy-weight fighter divers people have searched for so long and so fruitlessly.

Splendid Victory

We saw again last night one Police-constable, Clifton. I recall an occasion at the Olympic Games at Paris four years ago he beat Eddie Egan, the Rhodes scholar, one time our champion and a notable figure when at Oxford. Clifton had for an opponent Flying Officer Beamish, Ireland's Rugby forward, a fighter from tip to toe, not skilful—he has no more than a nodding acquaintance with subtlety—but a young fellow given to punching his way to victory at hurricane speed. A typical Irishman, Beamish, the soul of good temper, and yet he would have it supposed that he was ever spoiling for a fight.

The gong went, and in a way characteristic he rushed at Clifton, pinned him with his back to the ropes, and pounded away with both hands for all he was worth. That Clifton was not there and then reduced to a heap was surprising; anyone of at least a dozen punches which Clifton took would probably have knocked out an average man; but Clifton not only weathered a welter of blows, but kept his head.

When he decided that Beamish had crumbled sufficiently, he, by the heaviest footwork, slipped into the open, and promptly connected with a vicious left hook to the square jaw of the young flying officer. Beamish was set rocking, and though he was a shade in front at the end of the first round he had to strike his flag in the next, for Clifton, having taken full measure of him, knocked him down three times.

It was a tremendous hook, right to the point, that gave Clifton a splendid victory. Previously P. C. Hearn, light heavy-weight, had knocked out Leading Seaman Hughes in the first round with a punch that left the sailor in a bad way, and P. C. Jackson, the reigning amateur cruiser champion, outpointed Leading Seaman Gibson. This was a decidedly close call for Jackson, after what was anything but an interesting bout. Rodda, of the Army, defeated the Dublin police light heavy-weight, and his success preceded a triumph for the Army veteran middle-weight, Sergeant Crawley, who excelled him to outpoint the Irishman Chase. Few better things has Crawley done, and he well deserved the ovation accorded him.

The heavy-weight bout between O'Driscoll, of the Dublin, Civic Guard, and Lance-Corporal Kennedy was much of rollicking farce. O'Driscoll, who is the A.B.A. champion, was a giant compared with Kennedy; but, unlike the real Irishman, he seemed to be more than a trifle scared of his job. He so floundered about the ring that he upset two buckets. Still he was the winner in the fourth round. But a very poor champion is O'Driscoll.

Of the lighter weights, I considered that Garratt, the Royal Air Force welter, though he was voted to have lost the Doncaster policeman Page, was the more accomplished boxer of the two. Results:

Light-weight

A. C. Buchanan (R.A.F.) beat P. C. Ferguson (Metropolitan Police) on points.

Welter-weight

P. C. Page (Doncaster) beat L. A. Garratt (R.A.F.) on points. P. C. Barnes (Metropolitan Police) beat E. R. A. Mills (R.N.) in the fifth round, the referee stopping the contest.

Middle-weight

P. C. Oakes (Metropolitan Police) beat Gunner Smith (Army). Smith was disqualified for holding in the third round.

P. C. Hearn (Metropolitan Police) knocked out L. S. Hughes (R.N.) in the second round. Sergt. Crawley (Army) beat Garda Chase (Dublin) on points.

Light-heavy-weight

L. Cpl. Rodda (Army) beat Garda Murphy (Dublin) on points. P. C. Jackson (Metropolitan Police) beat L. S. Gibson (R.N.) on points. P. C. Goyder (City of London) beat Lt. J. Curtis (Army) on points.

Heavy-weight

P. C. Clifton (Port of London Authority) knocked out Flying Officer G. R. Beamish (R.A.F.) in the second round. Signalman Stuart (Army) beat Garda Flanagan (Dublin) on points. Garda O'Driscoll (Dublin) beat L. Cpl. Kennedy (Army) in the fourth round.

"TEST" SKIPPER

Melbourne, Yesterday. For the third "Test" Ryder has been appointed captain, and Woodfull vice-captain.—Reuter.

INTERPORT DATE

SHANGHAI TO VISIT HONG KONG

SOCCER SHIELD DRAW

On or about Feb. 5, 1929, a team will leave Shanghai to play Hong Kong, in Hong Kong, in the annual interport football match which Hong Kong lost last year (at Shanghai) by the record score of 7-11!

At yesterday's meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association, the following sub-committee was appointed to make all arrangements for the visit:—Mr. R. Hall, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. J. Lawrence, Captain A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A., Lt.-Comdr. J. P.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Division I.

Kick off 4 p.m.
Athletic v. K.O.S.B., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee, Wt. Eng. Barber, R.N.
Queen's v. S. China, Sookumpoo ground. Referee, Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M.
Recreio v. H.K.F.C., King's Park. Referee, Mr. Willis.

Division II.

Kick off 2.30 p.m.
S. China "A" v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill. Referee, Sgt. Clark.
Eastern v. Navy, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, L/Cpl. Grieve.
Queen's v. Kowloon, Chat-ham-road. Referee, Mr. T. G. Stokes.
R.A. v. St. Joseph's, Sookumpoo ground. Referee, Mr. Lawrence.
Recreio v. S. China "B", King's Park. Referee, Mr. Samy.
Athletic v. Small Units, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee, Sgt. Toms.

White, D.S.C., R.N., Mr. W. E. Hollands (hon. secretary).

The Shield

The draw was made for the first round in both divisions of the H.K.F.A. challenge shield competition, to be played on Jan. 12, 1929.

Both the holders (Kowloon F.C.) and runners-up (Police R.C.) in the senior section have drawn byes. Chinese Athletic (who won in the junior division last season) have entered two teams in that division this season. The draw is as follows:—

SENIOR DIVISION.

Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong F.C., Recreio ground.
Royal Navy v. 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, Caroline Hill.
Byes: 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment, South China, Police R.C., Chinese Athletic Association, Royal Artillery, Kowloon F.C.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Royal Artillery Reserves v. South China "B", Sookumpoo.
Chinese Athletic "B" v. Club de Recreio Reserves, Athletic ground.
South China "A" v. 1st Batt. Queen's R. Regt. Reserves, Caroline Hill.
Chinese Athletic "A" v. 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.'s Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground.
Police R.C. Reserves v. Kowloon F.C. Reserves, St. Joseph's ground.

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As the flat-racing season ended on the previous Saturday thoughts of "weighing-in" did not worry them. They enjoyed a seven-course dinner, consisting of oysters or caviare, turtle soup, fillet of sole, sweetbreads, pheasant, sweets, savoury, and coffee.

A great sugar cake, surmounted by a model of a racehorse in chocolate, was provided with the sweets, and duly sliced by Gordon Richards.

Nor was the liquid side of the feast neglected. Months of self-denial were drowned in vintage champagne and liqueur brandy 40 years old.

Behind the champion jockey's chair was a floral notice in red and green bearing the name of Gordon Richards and at the side the figures 148, the number of winners he rode during the season.

GOLF

In the Bogey Pool played at Fanning over the Christmas holidays, R. E. Greensmith was the winner with a card of four up, E. D. Lawrence being second with two up.

Other scores were: A. E. Lissaman, all square; I. W. Shewan, Capt. A. W. Davison, L. G. S. Dodwell, C. E. Holmes and H. U. Ireland, one down.

Eighty-three cards were taken out. Medal Competition. The Medal Competition was won by H. U. Ireland with a card of 84-7-77. Other scores were: E. W. Kirk, 90-10-80; L. G. S. Dodwell 86-6-81. Twenty-one cards were taken out.

Byes: Royal Air Force, Royal Navy Reserves, Public Works Department Chinese.

"Sunday Herald" Cup. England and Portugal are to meet in the final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup on Jan. 26. It is hoped to secure the attendance of the Band of the 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regt.

The Council

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, having returned to the Colony, resumed service on the Council. Lt.-Comdr. J. P. White, D.S.C., R.N., H.M.S. "Bruce" has replaced Warrant Engineer J. W. Barber, R.N., as representative on the Council of the Royal Navy.

Balances

Balances in the bank on Dec. 28, 1928, as stated by Mr. G. T. May, were:—

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Charity Match

A special football match, the Army versus the Rest of the Colony, will be played at Sookumpoo, on Tuesday, in aid of the Ministering Children's League.

Sir Shou-son Chow, will kick-off at 3.30 p.m. By kind permission of the Commanding Officers, the massed Drums of 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, and 1st Bn. Beds. and Herts. Regiment, will play from 2.45 p.m.

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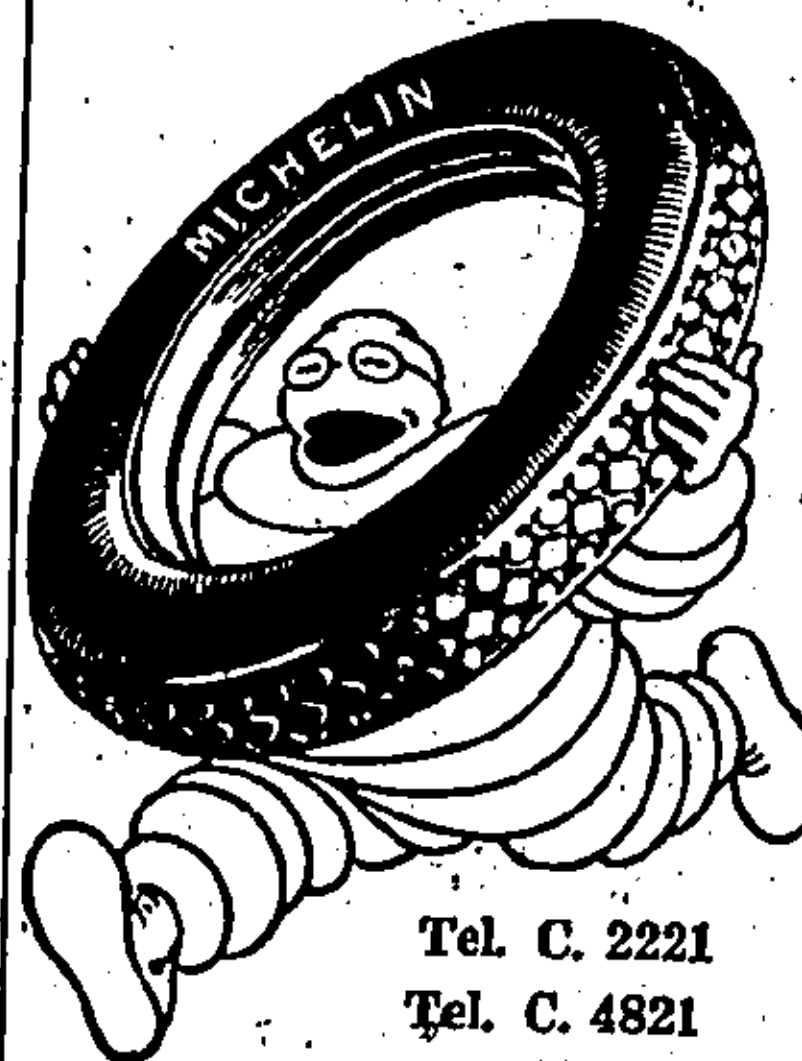
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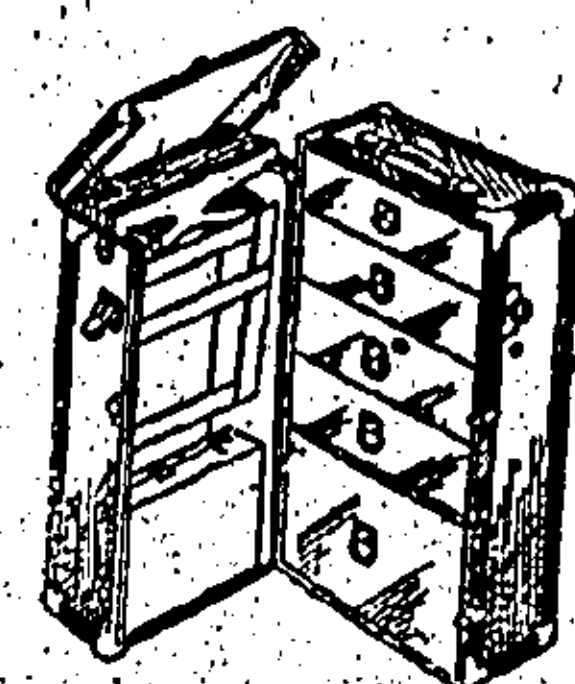
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CRICKET

The following will represent the Volunteers against the K.C.C. at 11 a.m. on K.C.C. ground on Sunday, January 6 next:—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. W. Hayward, F. Baker, H. V. Parker, G. R. Vallack, A. Reid, E. R. West, H. F. L. Ewin, G. E. R. Divett, R. H. D. Wade.

Britain never won a Walker Cup, but cheerfully plays for it year after year. It cannot be said that this spirit of playing the game, win or lose, is appreciated or understood here. It is not. It is rather regarded as mild folly. So the British golfers demonstrate a refreshing spirit of sportsmanship in these days when to win at any cost is the dominant note in American athletic strife.—"Sporting Chronicle's" New York correspondent.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

President Coolidge Casts His Vote



An excellent close-up taken recently, showing President Coolidge casting his vote in the election at Northampton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Coolidge also cast her vote there.—(P. & A. Tse Chailin).

Opera in German



For the first time in history an opera composed by an American has been produced in Germany. The composition was "Snowbirds," the work of Theodore Stearns (above), and was recently presented at the Dresden State Opera.

Mayfair to Welcome Gene Tunney



Right in the heart of London's Mayfair is a house that is destined ere long to become the continental abode of Gene Tunney and his bride, the former "Polly" Lauder. Here the Tunneys are to entertain during their year's stay.

Wins First Prize



The small Persian all but out of sight in depths of championship cup is "Lady Drummond Hay," winner of first prize at Philadelphia Persian Society's annual show. Mrs. Andrew Lewis, of Marble Hill, is the proud owner.

London Style



Here is a slate blue flecked wool creation with bands of tan kasha made in London. The garment is not of the silhouette order, but of the comfortable, roomy variety.

In a Chinese Costume



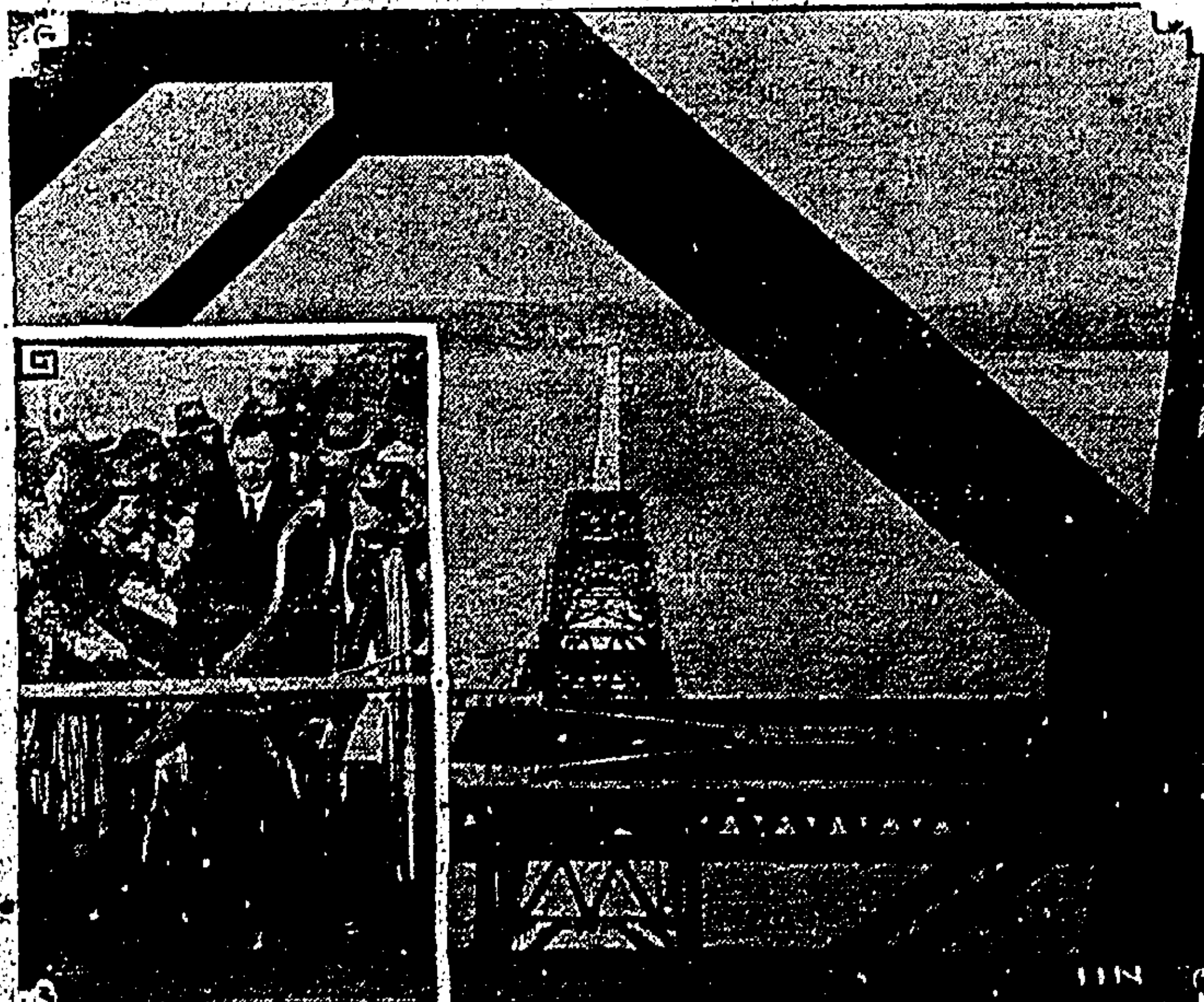
Dressed by the rococo, Mrs. Archibald McNeill, Jr., is returning to the stage in a forthcoming musical show, despite the pleadings of her husband. She is shown in fancy dress for a recent society event.

Stowaway Sight-seeing



Clarence (Red) Fox, the American caddy who stowed away on the "Graf Zeppelin," is here shown sight-seeing Berlin in company with a policeman.

Opening a New Bridge



Here is a remarkable view of the new \$37,000,000 steel bridge across Jamot River, connecting Norfolk and Newport News, as the official dedication ceremonies began. Inset, pretty Martha W. Hilden, "Miss Virginia," clipping a ribbon to open the 2 1/2-mile span for traffic.

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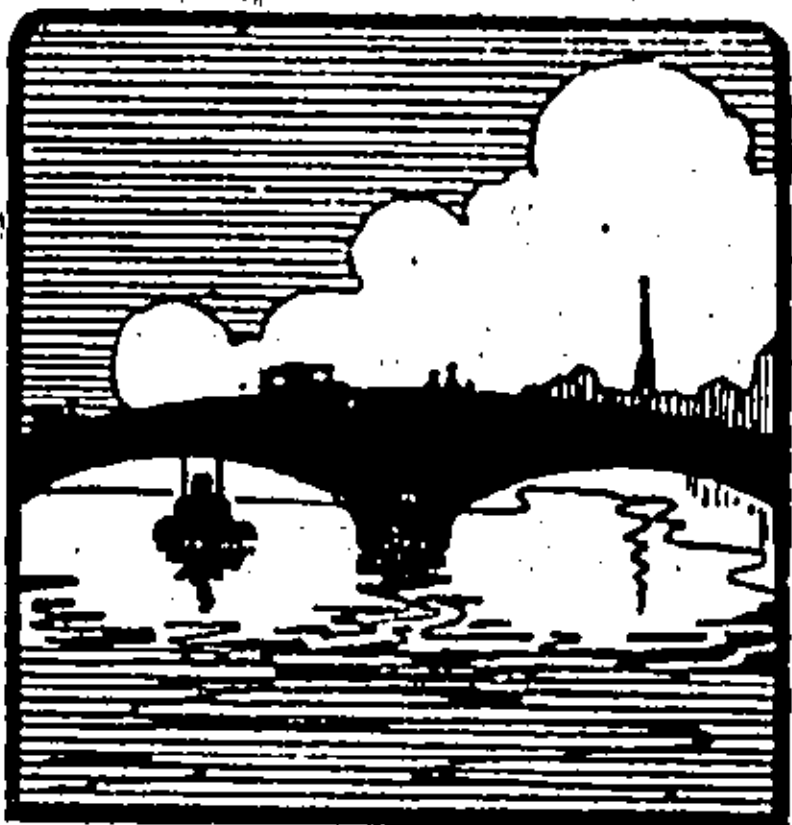
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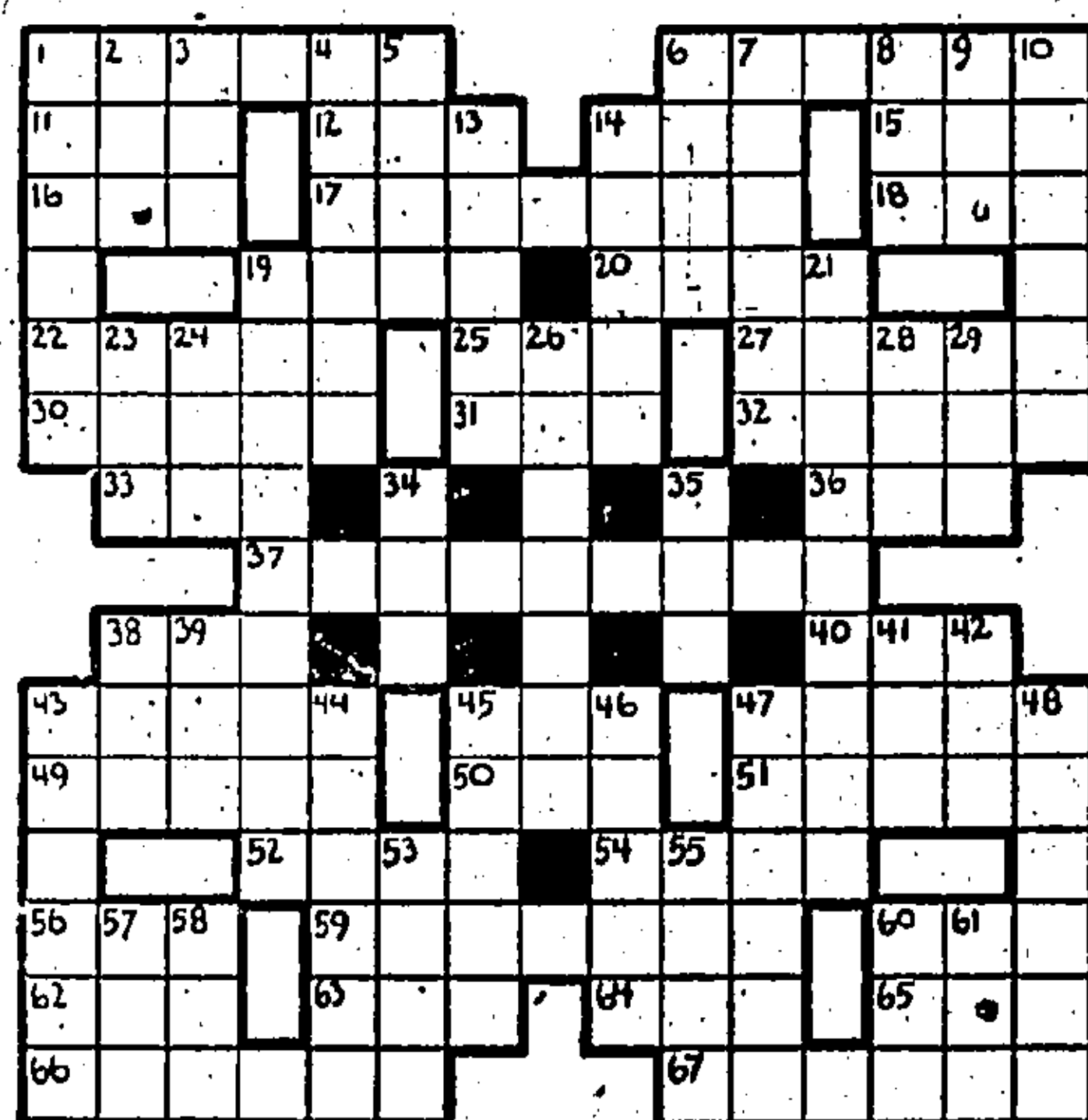
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
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phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Pleasing odors
- 6—High regard
- 11—A rank
- 12—Rocky pinnacle
- 14—Station (abbr.)
- 15—A constellation
- 16—Human beings
- 17—The capital of New Jersey, U. S. A.
- 18—To spread for drying
- 19—Low in grade
- 20—Units
- 22—A noted French novelist
- 25—A coal product
- 27—A small channel
- 28—Shop (naut.)
- 31—A filthy habitation
- 32—Migrates
- 33—At suit of (abbr.)
- 36—A poem
- 37—A great city of Netherlands
- 38—Possessive pronoun
- 40—A spire (lang)
- 43—A light boat
- 45—An American humorist
- 47—A water-wheel used in Spain
- 49—An exudation from plants
- 50—An eradication
- 53—(German)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

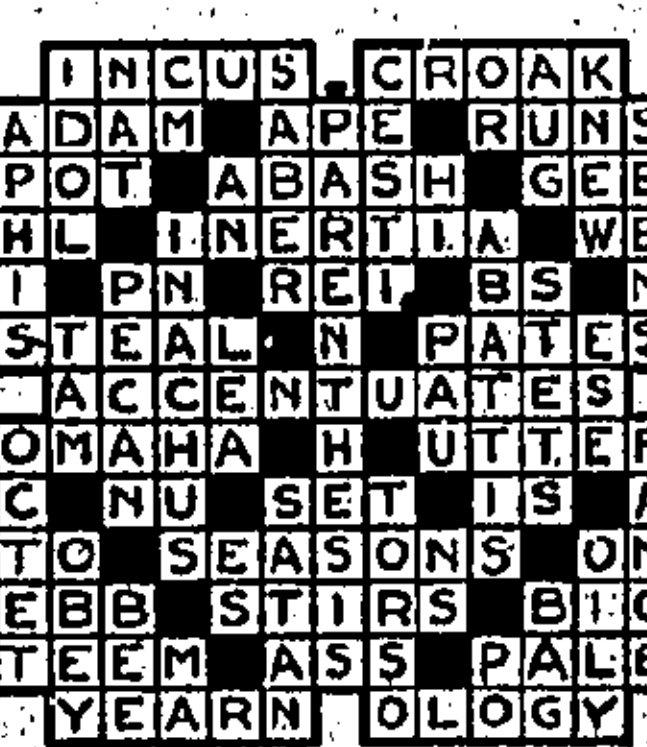
- 51—A tree
- 52—A mountain lake
- 54—An American Indian tribe
- 55—A pagoda in China
- 59—A fringe or lace of thread
- 60—Decrease
- 62—An eagle
- 64—Near (Prov. Eng.)
- 65—One thousand and two (Roman)
- 66—To retreat
- 67—A great lake, E. Africa

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10—Indian chief of Massachusetts
- 21—An island volcano
- 23—A succulent fruit, as a grape
- 24—Rug
- 25—Caves for
- 28—A color
- 29—Short for Isaac
- 34—To request
- 35—To make an addition to
- 38—Have (Scott.)
- 39—Those in office
- 41—A noun ending
- 42—To secure
- 43—The mouth of a volcano
- 44—To inspire with love
- 45—Once (Scott.)
- 46—A name
- 47—Household linen, collectively
- 48—A country of Asia
- 53—Scarcely
- 55—A sultanate in S. E. Arabia
- 57—Exist
- 59—An insect
- 60—Printer's measure (pl.)
- 61—Twice (Latin)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Talmoshan	5124
Peak Mainland	5124
Talmoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEWS

THE "CADUCEUS"

The November issue of the Hong Kong University Medical Journal is now published. There are five original articles, and the annual report of the School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, together with an Editorial, Correspondence, Review of Books, Acknowledgments, and Notes and Comments.

Both the present Editor, Professor R. E. Tottenham, M.D., and the Business Manager, Mr. G. Van Bergen, F.R.S.A., are to be heartily congratulated in producing such an interesting Number, so full of valuable and original information. The first article is "On Vitamins" by C. Y. Wang, M.D., F.R.C.P., and gives us the very latest information on this subject. This article will be very useful, not only to research workers, also to Physicians, and Medical Practitioners in general, as it is written very clearly, and leaves no doubt on the mind of its reader, who is a better man for having read such an enlightening work.

Next follows the Clinical Report of the School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Hong Kong University, by R. E. Tottenham, M.D., F.R.C.P., D. K. Pillai, M.D., S. K. Lam, M.B., and Miss P. C. Lai, M.B., together with a short report on gynaecological specimens by Professor Wang, and the use of Colonic Ether in Obstetrics and Gynaecology by S. K. Lam, M.B., and Miss P. C. Lai, M.B. The report is full of valuable statistics and general information, and as one reads it, one realizes what a vast amount of work is done by that Department, and what great advance its Head, Dr. Tottenham, and his Staff are making. In fact, it appears that this School will compare very favourably with any other such School in any part of the World.

The most instructive article written by an eye specialist, which the reviewer has read for a long time, appears in this publication, and R. A. de Castro Basto, M.B., M.R.C.S., D.O.M.S., shows great possibilities as a teacher, in the masterly way he deals with his article on "Acute Inflammations of the Anterior Segment of the Eyeball." It is well worth careful study by all medical men.

Major D. W. Beamish, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., records two very interesting cases of "Pulmonary Forms of Malignant Tertian Malaria," which occurred in the Hong Kong Military Hospital. The histories, and clinical reports are most instructive.

A very fine piece of Christmas reading which should interest not only medical, but also lay readers, appears in the form of an article introducing The Science of Chirology... a forgotten branch of Medicine, by Alexander Cannon, M. D., Ph.D., which is very lucidly written, well illustrated, and commands the attention from the very beginning to the end, and leaves one feeling that there is much in life which most of us have missed; that life still holds much more in store for us than we had ever anticipated; and that we would like Dr. Cannon to tell us some more of this fascinating subject, of which, according to the facts he places before the reader, and the feeling of authority which one feels behind this article, —new interest, research, and attention to this "lost branch of Medicine" are bound to be aroused.

The last original article deals with "Vesical Calculus" by C. H. Chee, M.B., and contains some most interesting statistics and facts about this illness that besets so many unfortunate victims in South China, and Hong Kong. A very forceful and effective plea is put forward for the general adoption of the operation known as "litholapaxy" instead of the more widely practised and not so satisfactory operation, in many ways, of "suprapubic cystostomy."

The Editorial deals largely with the Surgeon's Art, and it is very doubtful if most doctors will agree with the statement, "Surgery is an important subject, more important than medicine in many ways, for one thing it is a more difficult art." As Surgery is only a branch of Medicine, we should have thought that the greater included the less, —of course quite understanding that operative surgery does not come within the scope of the specialized Physician, as will be seen by the current news: in relation to His Majesty's serious illness, when both Lord Dawson of Penn. (Consulting Physician), and Sir Stanley Hewett, M.D. (Consulting Physician) called in Sir Hugh Riggby, M.S. (Surgeon) to operate on His Majesty, The King. It was the physicians who diagnosed, and decided what treatment was best, and the Surgeon carried out the operative art. It is also agreed that the Editor rightly says

that "Surgery is an immense subject, and a man may well find his life's occupation in the study of one of its special branches." This also applies to specialties in Medicine, such as the Heart Specialist, etc. The pictures accompanying this Editorial are very fine and self-explanatory. The views of both the Medical School buildings, and their interiors are well worth keeping.

In the correspondence section, a very rapid method for blood count, devised by Professor Gulland, is summarized by Dr. E. W. Kirk, and is certainly a very valuable piece of information for those who are not already acquainted with it.

The Review of Books, include "A short History of Medicine," by Dr. Singer; "An Introduction to the Technique of Section-Cutting," edited by Mr. Balamantyne; "The Science of the Mind," by J. B. Blackford, edited by Dr. Millott Severn, and Mr. J. Millott Severn.

The Notes and Comments, refer to Professors Anderson and Earle's departure to take up their new posts with the Henry Lester Institute at Shanghai. Welcome is given to Professor L. T. Ride, to the Chair of Physiology, and to Dr. G. A. C. Herklots as Reader in Biology. Dr. K. C. Yeo is mentioned. Also Dr. Francis Clark, who is leaving Wei-Hai-Wei at the age of 65 years next Spring. He is one of the Fathers of Hong Kong medicine, for it will be remembered that he followed Sir Patrick Manson, and Sir James Cantlie as Dean of the Hong Kong College of Medicine in 1895, and became the first Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Hong Kong, which was formed in 1912, when after 17 years in the Colony, he left. Special mention and information is given concerning the Henry Lester Institute of Shanghai; also of the Science Conference at Canton. In the Obituary special mention is made of the sad and untimely death of Miss Tsao Shuk-kei, the beloved daughter of our Dr. S. W. Tsao O.B.E., and of Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling's splendid work in Hong Kong, until her demise at the age of 52 years.

The *Caduceus* is not only of medical interest this time but of general interest, and we commend it to our readers as a very nice and pleasant Journal, which will well repay what time is spent on perusing its pages.

DRINKING SONGS AND OTHER SONGS

[By W. R. Titterton (Cecil Palmer. 5/- net).]

This little book is a joy, and a tonic. Mr. Titterton, whose muse is rollicking and masculine, has a splendid ear for rhythm, a strong sense of humour, and a facility for rhyming which entitles him to be bracketed with Barham, Butler, Byron and Hood. Light verse in the making and in the reading ought to be a perennial source of interest and pleasure to all educated people, and for that reason we predict that Mr. Titterton's book will be appreciated. Many of his lyrics are real lyrics in the dictionary sense of the word in that they are meant to be sung, have been sung, and (we are sure) will continue to be sung. In a spicy introduction, written in his earlier manner by Mr. G. K. Chesterton, that discriminating and candid critic says: "I know that these songs, especially those at the beginning of the book, are songs that really can be sung, because I have sung them myself." That is the acid test. The first ten pieces are drinking songs with lines attached—lines which blend happily with the words. These are composed or adapted by Mr. Titterton and arranged for the piano by Mr. Norman Lucas. Each song goes with a swing and the ten are as good as any English-bacchanalian songs we know.

But Mr. Titterton's book is not merely a collection of bibulous ballads. In addition to the ten drinking songs and a facetious dedication, there are sixteen other numbers of a different nature, none alike and all showing the various moods of the author. In the joyous life of "To My Lady," we imagine we hear an echo of Meredith's "Love in the Valley," and if anyone had recited "Sea Burial" to us and asked us to guess who the author was, with the rhythm of "The War Song of the Saracens" in our heads, would have said Fletcher. In our opinion the most poetical effort in the book is the exquisite Housman-like sixteen lines entitled "Requiescant." In "The Last Fight," "Up Borderers," and "The High Wall" we have a more serious and sombre Mr. Titterton, who finds much to criticize in the present state of England. However we merely catch a glimpse of the author's desires, ideals and principles; only faintly and directly are they indicated. The humour of "The Tea Shop-Girl" and "Tina of Balloo" is grimly sardonic.

"The Laurel Liveth" in its clearer stanzas has touches of Kipling and Masfild, while "Autumn Twilight" might pass for one of Yeats's mystic pieces. The other verses are decidedly Tittertonian.

The reader of shockers and thrillers will probably kick at having to pay five shillings for sixty odd pages—he desires quantity—but anyone who enjoys clever light verse does not grudge paying a penny per page so long as the stuff printed on the page is good. In Mr. Titterton's book it is very good and these sixty-four pages of bright rhymes, along with the three pages of the Chestertonian introduction in the raciest "G. K. C." style, comprise one of the best five shillings worth we have seen for a long time.

THE MURMANSK VENTURES

[By Major General Sir C. Maynard (Hodder and Stoughton. 12/6 net).]

It seems to us that this bulky volume has been issued nearly a decade too late. Very few people know what the Murmansk Venture was and still fewer have any desire to know. Even war novels are neglected nowadays. This book contains a somewhat wearisome account of the doings of the Murmansk Expeditionary Force, the author stating in the preface that he has been urged to write this record because none has been written and because of the great misconception existing in the mind of the general public regarding the why, wherefore, and deeds of the expedition. The author also says that what he has written lays no claim to be a detailed report, that he has not attempted to draw strategic or military deductions, but merely tried to tell a tale of the adventure. If that is so then General Maynard is a poor story-teller for we found much of his book exceedingly tactical, and we imagine that military historians and students of tactics will enjoy it much more than the ordinary reader. Many of the facts and descriptions are interesting but these, like Wordsworth's purple patches, are surrounded by much that taxes the patience of the reader. There is far too much of the first person singular in the book, and the bad military habit of wanting all things civilian to give way to the army is painfully evident. Had the sword-wielder handed his manuscript to a professional penman for revision and excision a much more pleasant and readable volume would have been the result. Sixteen photographs and three maps help to enliven what is, on the whole, a rather dry-as-dust book.

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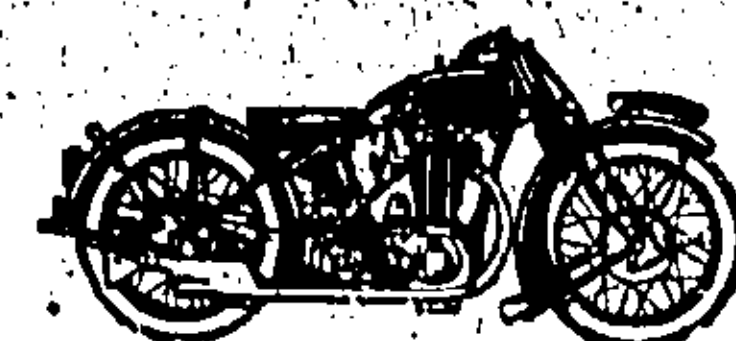


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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

It is hereby notified that telegrams conveying New Year Greetings to the United States & Canada will be accepted until 2nd January, 1929, at special reduced rates; for particulars apply to the Radio Office, P. & O. Buildings.

A Branch Post Office, situated at No. 16, Nga Chin Wai Road, Kowloon City, will be open for transaction of postal business on the 2nd January, 1929.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe	via Siberia (London, 7th & 8th Dec.)	President Wilson
Shanghai and Swatow		Sunning
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.		
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers)		Kumsang
London, 29th Nov.		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		President Taft
Manila		President Jackson
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.		
Japan and Shanghai		Chenonceaux
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Shanghai		Mantua
Straits		Alipore

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.		
Haiphong	Tonkin	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Daviken	1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	2.30 p.m.
Manila	President Wilson	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.		
Holhow and Haiphong	Tea	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hellas	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Dainy and Europe via		
Siberia	Luchow	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Dainy	Luchow	9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A.,		
Canada, C. & S. America and		
*Europe via San Francisco—due		
San Francisco, 23rd Jan., 1929		
and Europe via Siberia. Parcels		
(Dec. 31) 5 p.m. Registration		
(Jan. 1, 1929) 9.45 a.m. Letters		
(Jan. 1, 1929) 10.30 a.m.	President Jackson	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Neon.
Amoy	Sunning	Neon.
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Neon.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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RUSSO-GERMAN TRADE

NEW PROTOCOL

IMPORTANT EXTENSION
FORESHADOWED

ESPIONAGE QUESTION

Berlin, Yesterday.
An important extension of Russo-German trade relations is foreshadowed in a protocol signed at Moscow on Dec. 21, smoothing immediate difficulties. For example commercial espionage, which the Soviets have agreed to interpret in a manner corresponding with international usages is the bases for further detailed negotiations on which are laid down the facilities granted by which the German holders of Russian concessions may negotiate directly with the Soviet authorities.—Reuter.

CHANGE OF FLAG

SIGN OF NATIONALISM IN
MANCHURIA

"WHITE SUN" EMBLEM

Shanghai, To-day.
It was learned from Mukden yesterday that the White Sun flag (the Nationalist emblem) will be hoisted on all public buildings in Manchuria to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.—The company from which M. Klotz purchased the motor-car for which he tendered two dishonoured cheques as payment has notified the magistrates that they are withdrawing their action. The company states that they could not foresee that their action would let loose a public scandal, injuring a man who was one of France's plenipotentiaries in the hour of peace.—Reuter.

BRITISH LEGATION AT KABUL

SERIOUS DAMAGE

BUILDINGS RIDDLED BY SHELL
FIRE

THREE CASUALTIES

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The latest news as to Afghanistan indicates that the rebels have diverted on the Salang River which supplies Kabul with hydro-electric power, thus depriving the Government factories of light and power. In addition to the destruction of the military attaché's house seven other buildings in the British Legation grounds were damaged by shell fire and most of the windows of the Legation were smashed by rifle fire. One Afghan was killed and two wounded while employed at the Legation.

Rebels Pursued

London, Yesterday.
The Afghan Legation announces that the Government forces are resolutely pursuing the rebels in the Northern Province and are engaging the rebel Shinwaris around Jalalabad simultaneously with parleying with the Shinwari leaders. King Amanullah remains in his palace at Kabul.—Reuter.

Women and Children Refugees
It is understood that the Indian authorities will provide the women refugees of French, German and other nationalities, who have been evacuated by the British aeroplanes from Kabul to Peshawar, with railway tickets to Bombay or Calcutta and small advances of money.—British Wireless Service.

Warsaw, Yesterday.—The Bank of Commerce has secured in London a credit of £2,000,000 sterling for the purpose of making advances to the farmers on the security of their grain.

HAVANA SERVICE COMPETITION

A CUNARD PROTEST

U.S.A. SHIPPING BOARD'S
ALLEGED VIOLATION

THREATENED ACTION

New York, Yesterday.
The Associate Director of the Cunard Line has protested to the Shipping Board that the assignment of the "President Roosevelt" to the Havana service in competition with the Cunard Co. violates the United States Shipping Law of 1910.

The company threatens to appeal to the law courts for relief in the event of their company suffering any appreciable damage.—Reuter's American Service.

TRAGEDY ECHO

CRIMINALS SENTENCED TO
DEATH IN SHANGHAI

POLICE COMPLIMENTED

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Provisional Court to-day sentenced to death three Chinese charged with the murder of Miss Thompson and the attempted murder of Mr. Dudley Law in Shanghai on October 3. The foreign consular deputy sitting with the Chinese judge commended the police of the foreign municipality for their work in connection with the case.—Reuter.

NEW COMMISSION

A commission, with the rank of Lieutenant, in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has been granted to Dr. John Durran (hitherto a Private in the Corps), who has been appointed a Medical Officer, states the "Gazette."

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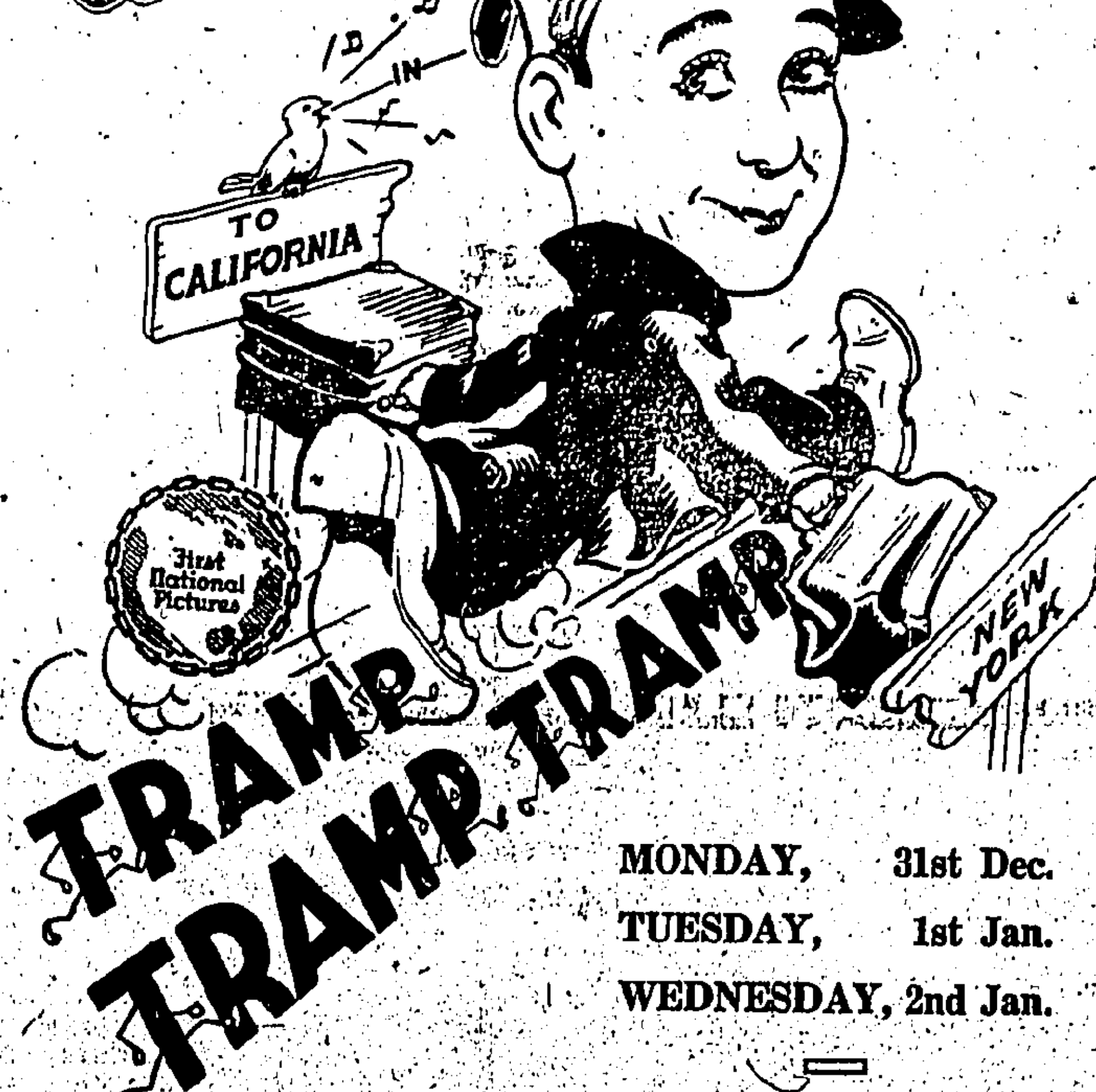
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